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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894.

WORCESTER:
The Maynard-Gough Co., Book and Job Printers, 187 Front Street.
1894.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1893.

Town Clerk,

JESSE ALLEN.

Selectmen,

C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, D. O. LOVELL.

Assessors,

H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, E. N. HUNT.

Overseers of the Poor,

JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, W. M. ROBINSON.

Collector,

LEONARD P. LOVELL.

Treasurer,

JESSE ALLEN.

Constables,

C. H. PARKER, W. C. BLISS, W. M. ROBINSON, W. S. CRAWFORD, H. P. AUSTIN, W. R. DEAN.

Auditor,

F. S. CONANT.

Fence Viewers,

JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

Field Drivers,

W. M. ROBINSON, C. P. McCLENATHAN, H. D. BULLARD, PETER WHITE, HENRY FORBES.

Surveyors of Lumber,

D. M. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

Measurers of Wood and Bark,

D. R. DEAN, D. M. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,

A. J. HOLDEN.

School Committee,

JESSE ALLEN, W. M. ROBINSON, H. P. AUSTIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and to act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, and Auditor, for one year. One School Committee, for two years. One School Committee, Library Trustee, and Cemetery Committee, for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or to pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of town hall and ring church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector the ensuing year.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be expended for seats and desks, a new floor, and other necessary repairs for Coldbrook school-house. The said expenditures to be made by a joint committee, consisting of the Selectmen and School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post-offices, and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
D. R. DEAN,
D. OSCAR LOVELL,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS

ESTIMATED FOR 1894–95.

Contingent,	$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	200 00
Paupers,	900 00
Street Lights,	50 00
Salaries,	350 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	35 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	75 00
Opening Roads,	700 00
Repairs on School-houses,	150 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the pleasure of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1894:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,		$34 99

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	$50 00	
cash book, tax bills, postage, etc.,	11 00	61 00

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,		30 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
D. O. Lovell,	25 00	
stationery and postage,	90	75 90

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln, 1892,	41 00	
H. W. Lincoln, 1893,	38 00	
S. H. Bullard,	30 00	
E. N. Hunt,	20 00	129 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services, Jesse Allen,	55 11	
W. M. Robinson,	25 00	
H. P. Austin,	15 00	95 11

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,		$47 69

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services,		15 00

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Centre District,	703 30	
Coldbrook District,	275 50	
West "	229 25	
South "	93 75	
School Supplies,	196 67	
Repairs on School Houses,	27 89	1526 36

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid S. M. Sargeant,	19 10	
C. H. Parker,	25 00	44 10

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, repairs on Highway,	968 81	
Repairs on Bridges,	45 47	
Opening Roads,	778 81	1793 09

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
Geo. E. Reed,	15 00	99 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Daniel Rogers,		23 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

For James Caldwell,		
Paid H. M. Green, care,	4 00	
E. L. Sawyer, services,	30 00	
C. H. Parker, clothing,	4 17	
James Packard, burial,	20 00	
For Mrs. J. W. Caldwell,		
C. H. Parker, groceries,	4 27	62 44

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid R. F. Parker, building school house,	390 00	
R. F. Parker, building closet,	12 50	
James Robinson, labor,	22 27	
Patrick McGreavy, labor,	6 12	
Walter M. Robinson, labor,	5 90	
L. E. Ballou, stove,	9 50	
James Robinson, painting outside and finishing inside,	42 05	
D. R. Dean, cement, freight, and lumber for fence,	30 81	
For Seats and Desks,	70 00	589 15

LOCK-UP.

Paid J. Shores, mason,	69 00	
F. E. Reed, labor,	11 70	
C. Pequin, bolts, etc.,	2 90	
Priest & Brigham, moulding,	1 94	
C. H. Parker, 3 bbls. cement,	7 61	
C. Baker & Co., door,	5 00	
Geo. N. Briggs, lumber and second-hand brick, carting sand and water,	30 24	

James Robinson, stove.	3 00	
F. E. Loring, roofing and ceiling,	25 10	
Codding & Taft, registers,	1 90	
L. N. Haskell, labor,	9 50	
F. S. Conant, supplies,	6 51	
O. D. Tottingham, pails,	1 10	
C. H. Parker, blankets, lock, etc.,	6 60	
W. H. White, stove pipe,	2 07	
J. E. Crosley, 1 bbl. lime,	1 65	
D. M. Parker, lumber,	18 66	204 48

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid principal on note to Commonwealth,	$1000 00	
Interest,	100 00	
Principal on note, Barre Savings Bank,	1000 00	
Interest,	25 42	
County Tax,	258 00	
State Tax,	375 00	
Printing, I. W. Mullet,	42 00	
L. P. Lovell, abatement taxes,	29 31	
A. H. Prouty, inspecting cattle,	20 10	
For Fire Extinguisher,	150 00	
Jesse Allen, Public Library,	25 00	
Freight on Fire Extinguishers,	2 42	
L. N. Haskell, wood for Town Hall,	6 00	
H. J. Lawrence, printing ballots,	12 50	
H. P. Austin, arrest of Leon Hapgood,	5 39	
S. Bothwell, arrest of W. W. Luce,	20 90	
For insurance on school houses,	35 00	
C. A. Gleason, care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing Church bell,	35 00	
J. F. Balcom, building fence around cemetery,	5 75	
E. L. Sawyer, damage,	12 50	
F. S. Conant, town pump,	19 27	
James Packard, services as Sexton, and return of deaths,	26 00	
L. P. Lovell, discount on taxes,	209 28	3424 84
Total,		9055 15

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	$441 00
Support of paupers,	847 69
Schools,	1526 36
Highways,	1793 09
State aid,	99 00
Military aid,	23 00

Lock-up,	204	48	
South school house,	589	15	
Miscellaneous expenses,	3424	84	
Street lights,	44	10	
Soldiers' relief,	62	44	9055 15

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
D. OSCAR LOVELL,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, Walter R. Dean, O. D. Tottingham,
William S. Crawford, N. W. Packard, Jesse Allen,
James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, Carlos P. Hill, W. C. Bliss.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

1893. DR.

To Balance in Treasury,	$2506 39	
Cash from grass on Common,	7 00	
" W. P. Delahanty, innholder's license,	2 00	
Cash borrowed Barre Savings Bank,	1000 00	
Cash from sale of school supplies,	2 11	
" W. S. Crawford, treasurer of Church,	3 94	
" Use of Hall,	2 00	
" Sale of bricks,	6 51	
" Sale of ashes,	2 00	
" Insurance on South School House,	250 00	
" Fines returned,	5 00	
" State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	9 27	
" " National Bank Tax,	9 50	
" " State Aid refunded,	123 00	
" " School Fund,	300 00	
" County Treasurer, dog fund,	159 20	
" State Tax,	375 00	
" County Tax,	258 00	
" Town grant,	5525 00	
" Overlayings,	63 17	10,609 09

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By paying Selectmen's orders,	9055 15	
Uncollected taxes, 1892, due from Collector,	143 48	
" " 1893, " "	1696 54	10,895 17
Unpaid orders,		286 08
		$10,609 09

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Commonwealth Dec. 31, 1894, $1500 00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

State tax,	$375 00	
County tax,	258 00	
Town tax,	5525 00	
Overlayings,	63 17	
Uncollected taxes, 1892,	143 48	6364 65

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Treasurer's receipts, 1893,	4524 63	
Uncollected taxes, 1892,	143 48	
" " 1893,	1696 54	6364 65

L. P. LOVELL, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1894.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$349 94	
L. P. Green,	39 36	
E. N. Hunt,	6 05	
R. F. Parker,	8 75	
Edwin Green,	146 43	
Elbridge Mullet,	44 51	
George Parker,	5 15	
Edson Hapgood,	5 77	
Warren Haire,	77 33	
George Reed,	71 69	
Wm. C. Crawford,	6 08	
John Haire,	100 47	
George Clarke,	88	
Henry Crawford,	8 10	
Edward Crawford,	3 50	
Patrick McGrevey,	5 77	
James Sheern,	3 66	
James Butler,	3 32	
L. N. Haskell,	9 25	
Wm. Gaffney,	7 12	
S. F. Woodis,	1 75	
D. M. Parker,	15 38	
Geo. E. Allen,	18 00	
W. H. White,	3 90	
S. H. Bullard,	75	
G. N. Briggs,	11 84	
A. & F. Loring,	7 05	
M. M. Butterfield,	2 00	
C. H. Parker,	1 93	
N. W. Packard,	1 85	
James Packard,	1 23	968 81

FOR REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$6 73	
D. M. Parker,	12 76	
D. R. Dean,	17 16	
E. Green,	3 32	
R. F. Parker,	2 50	
E. L. Parker,	3 00	45 47

Breaking Roads.

Paid John F. Balcome,	$5 15
Patrick McGrevey,	13 98
Horace Green,	12 48
A. B. Spooner,	10 59
G. L. Perkins,	2 45
James Butler,	9 97
James Gilboy,	10 50
H. D. Bullard,	9 80
Eugene Green,	1 75
G. M. Ayres,	1 23
E. Mullet,	19 20
W. C. Ayres,	2 98
James Robinson,	5 17
S. R. Dean,	1 80
C. M. Maynard,	4 37
Wallace Grimes,	4 55
G. W. Stone,	23 50
Edwin Green,	12 50
Wm. Gaffney,	37 32
Patrick Moran,	12 25
Peter White,	15 23
George Allen,	13 09
S. J. Foster,	3 32
Patrick King,	36 43
J. F. Gaffney,	35 24
Alfred Morse,	3 06
George Duffy,	3 42
John Ravene,	2 37
G. L. Parker,	1 23
S. O. Butler,	3 60
James Sheern,	8 31
F. D. & F. R. Russell,	3 62
S. H. Bullard,	9 39
Pliney Woods,	14 17
J. W. Knight,	15 54
H. W. Bartlett,	17 64
J. E. Stone,	18 28
Charles Adams,	6 48
Joseph Adams,	8 58
P. Ducett,	2 01
Daniel Wells,	88
Chas. S. Brook,	7 53
Elias. Swindle,	8 75
H. E. Sargeant,	1 25
C. H. Trowbridge,	12 01

John Gaffney,	40 65	
Wm. C. Crawford,	11 27	
H. A. Crawford,	19 83	
J. K. Parmenter,	3 85	
A. D. White,	7 52	
E. H. Dwelly,	11 25	
John Keep,	30 07	
George Temple,	1 23	
Thomas Winter,	1 84	
Bert Banks,	10 12	
James Fennessy,	1 31	
John Leyden,	1 31	
Frank Weld,	6 83	
H. A. Crawford, Jr.,	3 59	
W. M. Robinson,	14 96	
W. A. Nye,	30 08	
Sidney Dean,	2 75	
L. P. Green,	3 50	
N. J. Green,	2 02	
Isaiah Dean,	1 93	
G. W. Reed,	1 58	
G. E. Reed,	7 56	
John Gilboy,	11 25	
Charles Woodbury,	1 05	
D. R. Dean,	5 95	
George Thrasher,	6 77	
M. M. Butterfield,	23 96	
John Lynch,	1 13	
Thomas Kelley,	1 14	
H. W. Lincoln,	37 27	
L. N. Haskell,	10 40	
Dennis Leyden,	53	
E. O. Crawford,	9 92	
John Bowers,	1 42	778 81

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$299 27
For support of Lydia Chamberlain,	52 00
" " Almira Woodis,	52 00
" " Mrs. Charles Burt,	34 00
" " Mrs. Fannie Spencer,	24 00
" " Mrs. John King,	22 00
" " Moses Bartlett,	15 75
" " Miss Lucy Robinson,	28 50
" " Henry Parker,	4 00
" " Family of Oliver Lloyd,	129 37
" " " Elmer Wood,	50 00
" " " O. B. Alden,	18 05
" Burial of Lucy Robinson,	12 00
Dr. Prouty, medical attendance on Lucy Robinson,	28 15
Dr. Brown, medical attendance on Geo. Thresher's family,	19 50
For keeping 68 tramps,	14 80
For postage and telephoning,	1 80
Overseers for services,	42 50
Total for the year,	$847 69

Due the Town from the City of Newton, for aid furnished the family of O. B. Alden, $18 05

Persons and families aided by the Town during the year:—Miss Eunice Walker, Miss Lydia Chamberlain, Miss Almira Woodis, Miss Lucy Robinson, Mrs. Fannie Spencer, Mrs. John King, Moses Bartlett, Geo. Ash, Henry Parker, family of O. N. Lloyd, family of Elmer Wood, family of Geo. Thresher, family of O. B. Alden.

Mrs. Fannie Spencer died in February, 1893.
Mrs. Elmer Wood died May 20, 1893, age 32 years.
Miss Lucy Robinson died May 22, 1893, age 64 years.
Moses Bartlett died January 1, 1894, age 86 years.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES PACKARD,
W. M. ROBINSON,
} Overseers of the Poor.

Fourth Annual Report

——OF THE——

Poor Farm Association, for year ending Feb. 1, 1894.

To the Citizens of Holden, Hubbardston, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, and Westminster:

By the new By-laws of the Association, "the annual report shall be made the first day of February, every year." Hence we submit the following for the ten months now closed.

Inmates supported during a part or all the time:

NAME.	SETTLEMENT.	WHEN ADMITTED.	AGE.	DAYS SUPPORTED.	
Martha Parker,	Holden,	Apr. 1, 1890,	55	306	
Patrick Doyle,	"	Nov. 1, 1892,	79	306	
Lizzie Kenney,	"	Apr. 1, 1890,	37	306	
Nahum S. Newton,	"	Dec. 24, 1891,	63	306	
Mrs. M. Kennan,	"	Apr. 11, 1892,	95	306	
Peter King,	"	Apr. 26, 1893,	76	280	1810
Nancy Boynton,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, 1890,	55	306	
David Rice,	"	Apr. 1, 1891,	75	306	
Charles Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	18	306	
Moses Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	16	306	
Henry Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	14	38	
Emmons Smith,	"	Aug. 5, 1892,	83	306	
Elbridge G. Thatcher,	"	Oct. 6, 1892,	76	306	1874
Eunice Walker,	Oakham,	Apr. 1, 1892,	68	306	
George Ash,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	71	306	
Moses Bartlett,	"	Apr. 3, 1893,	86	272	
Henry Parker,	"	Oct. 2, 1893,	32	43	927
Albert Woodis,	Paxton,	Nov. 29, 1892,	73	54	54
Moses Clark,	Rutland,	Apr. 1, 1893,	83	91	
Louisa Smith,	"	Apr. 1, 1893,	63	208	
Rosa Boen,	"	July 22, 1893,	55	203	
Lucy Sawyer,	"	June 5, 1893,	86	176	
Austin Preston,	"	Jan. 1, 1894,	52	30	708

NAME.	SETTLEMENT.	WHEN ADMITTED.	AGE.	DAYS SUPPORTED.	
Lawrence Cronin,	Westminster,	Apr. 1, 1892,	84	149	
Maggie Cronin,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	47	306	
Mary Cutting,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	68	306	
Adaline Eager,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	52	306	
Wm. Baker,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	79	306	
Frank Lavine,	"	Jan. 6, 1894,	15	22	
Joseph Brown,	"	Jan. 6, 1894,	38	1	1396

Whole number of inmates, 30.
Whole number of inmates remaining, 25.
Total number of days, 6769, or 967 weeks.
Average weekly number, $22\frac{37}{306}$.

Nahum S. Newton and Lawrence Cronin are veterans and have consented to receive their "military support" at the almshouse, although they might insist upon being boarded elsewhere.

Inmates Deceased during the Year.

NAME.	TIME OF DECEASE.	DISEASE.
Albert Woodis,	May 24, 1893,	Pneumonia
Moses Clark of Rutland,	July 1, 1893,	La Grippe
Lawrence Cronin,	Aug. 27, 1893,	Heart Failure
Lucy Sawyer,	Dec. 18, 1893,	La Grippe
Moses Bartlett,	Jan. 1, 1894,	Pneumonia

While the number of deaths has been large, it has been with those weighted by the debility and weakness incident to old age, and not from lack of proper food or from want of proper nursing.

The increase in the number of inmates has been less than was expected at the beginning of the year, and is smaller than might be expected from the general condition of the country. This indicates that actual poverty has increased but little, if any, in the agricultural towns.

Receipts.

Milk, 2861 cans,	$744 48
Calves,	36 37
Stock,	55 00
Sundries,	5 00
	$840 85

The demand for milk has been less than the farm could supply, and less stock has been kept on that account. This is contrary to our past experience and to our expectation when the Holden almshouse was rented by the Association.

EXPENSES.

Warden's and Matron's salary,	$458 06
Outdoor labor,	237 50
Indoor labor,	132 00
Groceries,	404 89
Grain,	426 25
Meat,	150 22
Repairs to House,	142 85
Ice,	5 40
Insurance,	54 00
Advertising and Printing,	7 35
Dr. C. W. Stickney's bill,	47 25
Dr. J. I. Ames' bill,	30 00
Mowing machine,	48 00
Wood,	23 50
Manure,	6 00
Fish,	39 47
Clothing,	72 97
Smithing and Repairs of Tools,	29 56
Fertilizer,	148 80
Crockery,	13 90
Stock,	173 00
Sundries,	81 18
Rent of Farm,	166 67
Rent, personal property,	100 83
Total expense,	$2999 65
Deducting sales,	840 85
	$2158 80

Dividing this ($2158.80) by the whole number of weeks (967) gives weekly expense per inmate, $2.232.

The expense to each town is as follows:

Holden,	$577 27
Hubbardston,	597 61
Oakham,	295 65
Paxton,	17 23
Rutland,	225 81
Westminster,	445 23
	$2158 80

The house has been painted and papered, and some changes have been made in rooms for the convenience of the family.

The pro rata expense is somewhat larger than last year. The following figures for each year of the Association may be of interest:

	WHOLE NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	AVERAGE NUMBER PER WEEK.	WHOLE NUMBER OF WEEKS.	COST PER WEEK.
First year,	12	$7\frac{7}{26}$	$377\frac{5}{7}$	$2 875
Second year,	16	$11\frac{7}{26}$	586	2 $24\frac{33}{586}$
Third year,	26	$21\frac{25}{26}$	1142	1 959+
Fourth year,	30	$22\frac{37}{306}$	967	2 232+

It will be remembered that there are now six towns in the Association instead of four as in the first two years. It is hardly probable that the weekly expense can be much, if at all, reduced in the future. The just and humane spirit of the day is more and more exacting in the arrangement and equipment of all charitable institutions. It insists that they be made homelike, comfortable and comforting. To obtain the best results and not the cheapest must be our policy.

HENRY A. FARWELL, HUBBARDSTON, *Chairman*,
HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, *Secretary*,
FRED. T. HOLT, HOLDEN, *Treasurer*,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM,
FRANK A. PIERCE, PAXTON,
HENRY A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books, February 1st, 1893,	541
Additions during the year,	181
Present number of books,	722

Twenty-five dollars was received from the Village Improvement Society, for the purchase of books.

Valuable gifts of books have been received from "friends in Beverly," Hon. E. B. Hayes of Lynn, Miss Emma K. Dean, Hon. M. O. Ayres, H. P. Austin, D. O. Lovell, Mrs. L. A. Kellogg, Miss Lois Delvey, Miss M. B. Allen, and Jesse Allen.

A catalogue has been prepared by the Trustees, the books having been arranged both by their titles and authors.

Number of books taken out during year,	1854
Number of persons taking out books,	153

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

Annual appropriation,	$25 00
From Village Improvement Society,	25 00
From fines and sale of catalogues,	5 12
	$55 12

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Paid for books,	$40 00
Paid for catalogues,	20 00
Paid for cards,	20
Paid for express,	40
Paid to balance account of 1893,	22
Paid postage, etc.,	35
	$61 17

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
H. W. LINCOLN, } Trustees.
E. J. CRAWFORD,

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Report of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham, for the year ending March 1st, 1894.

DR.

To amount appropriated for Schools, by Town,	$850 00
" " " school house repairs,	100 00
Received from State school fund,	300 00
" " Dog tax refunded,	124 20
" Cash for school supplies,	2 11
	$1376 31

CR.

By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss Edith Gray, spring term,	$80 00
" " " Eliza D. Bean, fall term,	90 00
" " " " " winter term,	90 00
	$260 00

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss Florence I. Sargeant, spring term,	$70 00
" " " " " fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	$210 00
Fuel and care of school rooms,	$117 20
Carrying scholars to Centre School,	91 10
	$678 30

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Bertha C. Lovell, spring term,	$80 00
" " " " " fall term,	80 00
" " " " " winter term,	80 00
Fuel and care of house,	35 50
	$275 50

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	$65 00
" " " " " fall term,	65 00
" " Mr. E. J. Crawford, winter term,	60 00
Fuel and care of house,	39 25
	$229 25

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Sara E. Butler, spring term,	$60 00
Fuel and carrying scholars,	33 75
	$93 75

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value of school supplies on hand March 1st, 1894,	$95 25
" " " " " 1893,	124 14
Paid for " " during year,	196 65
" school house repairs,	27 89
Total expense of schools,	$1501 34

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term,	whole number,	26	Average attendance, 24
Fall "	" "	26	" " 24
Winter "	" "	33	" " 24

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Spring Term,	whole number,	34	Average attendance, 27
Fall "	" "	35	" " 34
Winter "	" "	36	" " 31

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	37	Average attendance, 32
Fall "	" "	37	" " 29
Winter "	" "	36	" " 26

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	13	Average attendance, 11
Fall "	" "	14	" " 13
Winter "	" "	16	" " 13

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	12	Average attendance, 11
Fall "	" "	22	" " 16

The attendance in all the schools has been as follows:

Spring Term,	whole number,	122	Average attendance, 105
Fall "	" "	134	" " 116
Winter "	" "	121	" " 94

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 160.

On the 17th of August, the South School house was entirely destroyed by fire, the only school building ever thus destroyed in the history of the town. By vote of the town this has been replaced by a new and tastefully furnished school house pleasantly situated on land given by Mr. Cheney Bothwell for the purpose.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Roger Conant, Leroy Burt, Robert Briggs, Alice Allen, Clement Ayres.

TWO TERMS—Ruth Briggs, Blanche E. Packard, Edward S. Crawford, John P. Day, David H. Robinson, James Allen, Herbert Hapgood, Henry Grimes, Edith Clifford, Walter Clifford, Anthony Marsh, Joseph Swindle.

ONE TERM—Minnie G. Dean, Lena E. Dwelly, Jennie M. Loring, Fannie E. Robinson, George Loring, Ethel Babcock, Edna Boyd, Bessie Hunt, Julia Lawlor, Alma Russell, Althea Russell, Walter Green, Edwin Hunt, Georgie Balcom, Ida Crawford, Eva Grimes, Alice Reed, Florinda Lincoln, Jennie Sheern, Lymert Balcom, Earnest Reed, Maynard Swindle, Harry Loring, Eva S. Allen.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Dell Parker.

TWO TERMS—Myron Butterfield, Louis Sibley, Nattie Butterfield, Henry Butterfield, Denny Needham, William Tangley.

ONE TERM—Blanche Caldwell, Esther Clark, Millie Parker, Olive Woodbury, Edward Bliss, Bertie Needham, Paul Needham, Ruth Butterfield.

WEST SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—Minnie Bullard, Willie Bullard, Milton Bullard, Sadie McClenathan, Helen Cummings.

ONE TERM—Stella Wyman.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

ONE TERM—John Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Alice Dwelly, Henry Roper, Flora Gueley, Jennie Roper, Cora Roper.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
WALTER M. ROBINSON,
School Committee.

This is to certifiy that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1894. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and Superintendent of Streets, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, *Auditor.*

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1893.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 6	Daughter to Amos Strong.
Feb. 2	Son to Charles Clifford.
Feb. 13	Son to Levi Treen.
April 30	Daughter to John Keep.
June 25	Twin Daughters to Joseph Benoit.
July 3	Son to James Cochran.
Sept. 4	Son to Patrick McGrevey.
Sept. 5	Daughter to Adolph White.

Whole Number 9.

MARRIAGES.

April 18	John C. Rutherford to Lillian Corbin.
May 29	Chas. Paquin, Jr., to Etta M. Stone.
June 5	Anthony Letendre, Jr., to Albina Esprit.
June 7	Arthur B. Norton to Ethel A. Littlefield.
June 7	Warren Haire to Mary E. Hale.
June 19	Chas. H. Trowbridge to Jennie E. Presho.
Aug. 24	Walter M. Robinson to Lilla B. Spooner.
Aug. 29	Patrick Moran to Mary Gaffney.
Sept. 26	George H. Temple to Mary E. Brown.
Nov. 16	William C. Thresher to Susie N. Ripley.
Nov. 22	Michael J. Moran to Katie A. Mahan.
Dec. 25	Pliny D. Wood to Eva J. Bradley.

Whole Number 12.

DEATHS.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 25	Lucina C. Lovell,	51	2	21
Feb. 8	Ellen Temple,	50	10	4
Feb. 14	Patrick Gaffney,	58	1	8
Feb. 23	Lizzie B. Morse,	40		
Feb. 26	Emelia B. Keep,	63	10	10
Mar. 14	Edward H. Balcom,		9	10
Mar. 30	Nancy D. Bullard,	90	10	9
April 13	Eunetia D. Sargeant,	45	11	8
May 11	Adeline Knight,	83	2	
May 20	Mary C. Austin,	57	2	18
May 22	Lucy Robinson,	64	11	5
Oct. 18	James W. Caldwell,	57	8	3
Nov. 1	Martha A. Dwelly,	71	6	

Whole Number 13.

BURIED IN TOWN.

May 12	Martha L. Haskell,			14
May 20	Sarah A. Wood,	32	4	6
July 28	Sophia D. Barnes,	65	8	25
Aug. 5	Florence E. Parker,		5	10
Nov. 18	Silas Thompson,	69	7	14

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1895.

OAKHAM, MASS.:
I. W. MULLETT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,
1895.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1894.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, A. H. PROUTY-H. P. AUSTIN.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, C. P. HILL.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, H. P. AUSTIN.

COLLECTOR,
W. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. C. BLISS, N. W. PACKARD,
W. S. CRAWFORD, H. P. AUSTIN, W. R. DEAN.

AUDITOR,
F. S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

FIELD DRIVERS,
G. N. BRIGGS, GEO. ALLEN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
D. M. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
D. R. DEAN, H. P. AUSTIN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
M. O. AYRES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, W. M. ROBINSON, MRS. M. L. WOODIS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at nine o'olock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and to act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One SchoolCommittee, Library Trustee, and Cemetary Committee, for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or to pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways, and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector the ensuing year

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a superintendent of schools and appropriate money therefor.

ART XVIII.—To see if the town will paint Memorial Hall building or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each the Post-offices and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meetng.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1895–96.

Contingent,	$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	200 00
Paupers,	900 00
Street Lights,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	150 00
Opening Roads,	500 00
Repairs on Schools,	100 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the pleasure of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1895:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	23 75	
express, stationary, postage,	8 18	$31 93

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	$75 00	
tax bills,	1 00	
postage and stationary,	5 00	
Collector's book,	3 50	84 50

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services.		25 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
A. H. Prouty,	19 00	
H. P. Austin,	5 00	
express, postage,	1 71	75 71

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, C. P. Hill,	34 50	
S. H. Bullard,	25 00	59 50

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,		744 31

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services,		15 00

SCHOOL EXPENSE.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,		2013 93

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid President O. V. I. S. for Centre,	17 17	
C. H. Parker for Coldbrook,	16 80	33 97

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, repairs on Highway,	974 30	
Opening Roads,	504 44	1478 74

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	44 00	
H. M. Green,	33 00	
Geo. E. Reed,	39 00	
M. J. Kennen,	15 00	131 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

For H. M. Green,		
Paid Dr. A. H. Prouty,	10 00	
For Geo. E. Reed,		
Paid C. H. Parker, eggs and medicine,	15 98	
Dr. W. A. Brown, services,	10 00	
Dr. E. L. Sawyer,	74 00	
J. A. Pierce, coal,	4 00	
N. W. Packard, meat,	4 43	
A. B. Ware, watching,	36 75	155 16

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid C. A. Gleason, ringing Church bell,	35 00
C. A. Gleason, care Memorial Hall,	10 00
E. Mullett, ballot clerk,	2 00
Geo. H. Temple, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. P. Hill, ballot clerk,	2 00
L. P. Lovell, abatement on taxes,	20 00
Wm. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	211 85
A. J. Holden, pipe,	1 50
Maynard-Gough Co., printing,	26 40
H. J. Lawrence, printing ballots,	10 75
James Packard, repairs on hearse,	15 00
James Packard, hearse for winter use,	35 00
James Packard, services as sexton and return of deaths,	19 25
T. J. Garrigan, return of births,	25
H. P. Austin, cattle inspector,	10 00
C. H. Parker, chemicals for fire extinguisher, pail and brooms for Town Hall,	1 95
F. A. Smith, insurance on Memorial Hall,	107 75
Jesse Allen, Public Library,	35 00
A. H. Prouty, express on books,	35

A. H. Prouty, service board health,	1 50	
F. E. Reed, repairs on hall,	3 50	
I. W. Mullett, Assessor's Report,	20 00	
L. N. Haskell, wood for hall,	7 00	
Jesse Allen, as Library Trustee, two book cases,	18 00	
Wm. S. Crawford, guide boards,	5 00	
Worcester First National Bank, principal and interest,	1835 80	
H. P. Austin, case of Thrasher and Potter,	14 73	
I. W. Mullett, printing,	2 75	
T. H. Brown & Co., blank orders,	3 00	
Wm. M. Olin, ink,	2 00	
Interest on note to Commonwealth,	60 00	2519 33
Total,		7368 08

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	$291 64	
Support of paupers,	744 31	
Schools,	2013 93	
Street Lights,	33 97	
Highways,	974 30	
Opening Roads,	504 44	
Soldier's Relief,	155 16	
State Aid,	131 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2519 33	7368 08

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, Walter R. Dean, O. D. Tottingham, William S. Crawford, N. W. Packard, Jesse Allen, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, Carlos P. Hill, W. C. Bliss.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

DR.

1894.		
To Balance in Treasury,	$1553 94	
Cash from B. P. Clark, (Innholder's license,)	2 00	
" Borrowed First National Bank, (Worcester,) 4½ per cent,	1800 00	
" From School Supplies,	5 10	
" " Use of Hall,	29 00	
" " Fines returned,	5 00	
" " City of Worcester,	10 00	
" " " " Newton,	46 49	
" " State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	8 04	
" " State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	9 50	
" " State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	99 00	
" " State Treasurer, Military aid refunded,	14 50	
" " State Treasurer, Burial of Indigent Soldiers,	13 33	
" " State Treasurer, school fund,	300 00	
" " County Treasurer, dog fund,	123 35	
" " Interest on Bank Deposits,	6 93	
" " Town Grant,	5335 55	9,361 73

CR.

By paying Selectmen's Orders,	7368 08	
Uncollected taxes, 1893,	88 20	
" " 1894,	1293 15	
Cash Balance,	612 30	$9,361 73

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Commonwealth Dec. 31, 1894,	$1500 00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

Taxes committed for Collection:

Amount of Poll Taxes,	$370 00	
" " Personal Property Tax,	808 82	
" " Real Estate Tax,	4800 73	5979 55

Cr.

Paid State Tax,	300 00	
Paid County Tax,	344 00	
Town Treasurer's Receipts,	4042 40	
Uncollected Taxes,	1293 15	5979 55

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1895.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid William A. Nye,	$403	72	
William R. Barr,	54	16	
Edwin Green,	127	82	
S. F. Woodis,	86	05	
Patrick McGreevy,	59	68	
A. B. Spooner,	56	89	
Elbridge Mullett,	21	57	
John E. Stone,	1	22	
Albert Ware,		53	
Patrick Cummings,	2	62	
Henry U. Crawford,	1	75	
H. D. Bullard,	16	54	
A. & F. Loring,	6	90	
D. M. Parker,	22	97	
William Gaffney,	10	55	
James Butler,	1	23	
Newton J. Green,	9	98	
John Keep,	15	45	
John Gilboy,	3	50	
Elias Swindle,	2	62	
Frank Caldwell,		56	
Geo. E. Allen,	8	00	
L. E. Ballou,	5	00	
James Sheern,		88	
F. S. Conant,	1	75	
L. N. Haskell,	12	00	
D. R. Dean,	10	34	
James P. Fairbank,	7	17	
N. W. Packard,	1	05	
C. H. Parker,	4	15	
Fred Parmenter,	3	15	
C. M. Maynard,	14	50	974 30

OPENING ROADS.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$14	62	
John Haire,	11	99	
George L. Perkins,	2	53	

Paid	John Gaffney,	10 80
	Patrick King,	24 15
	James Butler,	7 52
	Patrick McGreevy,	7 62
	J. F. Gaffney,	27 02
	Thomas Gilboy,	7 44
	Peter White,	11 29
	Lyman Green,	43
	Albert F. Hapgood,	70
	F. D. & F. R. Russell,	4 38
	C. S. Brook,	4 37
	Edgar Swindle,	3 15
	John Gilboy,	9 80
	A. D. White,	5 95
	J. Revane,	3 50
	G. W. Stone,	7 09
	John Bowen,	1 71
	James Leyden,	10 36
	W. M. Robinson,	8 34
	E. N. Hunt,	1 23
	J. F. Balcome,	79
	Elias Swindle,	4 38
	Wallace Grimes,	4 55
	E. H. Dwelly,	6 38
	Walter Bullard,	2 73
	Henry Bartlett,	5 25
	E. J. Crawford,	1 75
	James Foster,	6 64
	Bert Reed,	1 75
	S. H. Bullard,	3 05
	H. M. Green,	2 44
	C. S. Clifford,	11 87
	H. A. Crawford,	16 48
	H. W. Lincoln,	23 70
	Charlie Reed,	3 84
	George Thresher,	7 12
	J. C. Rutherford,	1 39
	Walter Woodis,	1 40
	C. M. Maynard,	4 39
	Charlie Mason,	1 58
	Frank Weld,	1 75
	H. P. Austin,	2 40
	Elbridge Mullett,	13 19
	Bert Banks,	4 21

William Gaffney,	23 20	
Patrick Moran,	10 85	
John E. Stone,	14 21	
John Hill,	7 17	
M. M. Butterfield,	21 34	
Fred Clark,	3 67	
Fred Parmenter,	10 15	
F. Barton	6 47	
John Ober,	4 01	
Pliney Wood,	1 75	
A. B. Spooner,	2 45	
Thomas Winter,	52	
Alfred Morse,	52	
Warren Haire,	4 11	
E. Green,	3 76	
J. W. Knight,	4 02	
John Keep,	30 66	
George N. Briggs,	10 09	
Dennis Leyden,	3 14	
James Sheern,	44	
D. R. Dean,	1 83	
L. N. Haskell,	9 75	
George Clarke,	52	
John Fenton,	1 93	
Pat O. Donnell,	52	
Wm. C. Crawford,	7 64	
Henry U. Crawford,	70	504 44

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$264 06
For support of Lydia Chamberlain,	52 00
" " Almira Woodis,	52 00
" " Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
" Aid furnished Mrs. L. B. Field,	40 60
" " " family of Mrs. L. Davio,	70 75
" " " " " Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	13 00
" " " " " George Thresher,	32 49
" " " " " O. B. Alden, (City of Newton,)	28 44
" Burial of James McCann, (City of Worcester,)	10 00
" " " George Ash,	16 00
" Keeping 139 tramps,	34 75
Overseers for services, postage, telephoning, etc.,	78 22
Total expense for the year,	$744 31

The SMALLEST amount for more than 30 years.

REFUNDED TO THE TOWN.

From City of Newton, (Aiding O. B. Alden,)	28 44
" " " Worcester, (Burial of James McCann,)	10 00
	$38 44

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged	69.
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	"	50.
Miss Almira Woodis,	"	65.
Mrs. Charles Burt,	"	83.
Mrs. L. B. Field,	"	70.
Mr. George Ash,	"	72.

Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd, family of Mrs. Liffie Davio, family of O. B. Alden, family of George Thresher.

Moses Bartlett died January 1, 1894, age 86.
George Ash died Oct. 22, 1894, age 72.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES PACKARD,
H. P. AUSTIN,
} Overseers of the Poor.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1895.

With the close of another year the Board of Management respectfully submit to the inhabitants of the towns forming the Association the following report:

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT:

Name.	Age.	Settlement.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days.
Martha Parker,	56,	Holden,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	365
Lizzie Kenney,	38,	"	April 1, 1890.	"	365
Nahum S. Newton,	64,	"	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	365
Bridget Kennen,	96,	"	Apr. 11, 1892.	Died Mar. 16.	44
Patrick Doyle,	80,	"	Nov. 1, 1892.	Continues.	365
Peter King,	77,	"	Apr. 26, 1893.	"	365
					1869
Nancy Boynton,	56,	Hubbardston.	Apr. 1, '90.	Continues.	365
David Rice,	76,	"	Apr. 1, '91.	"	365
Moses Clark,	17,	"	May 26, '91.	"	365
Henry Clark,	15,	"	May 26, '91.	Left Oct. 1.	243
Charles Clark,	19,	"	May 26, '91.	Died July 4.	154
Emmons Smith,	84,	"	Aug. 5, '92.	Died Feb. 22.	22
Elbridge G. Thatcher,	77,	"	Oct. 6, '92.	Continues.	395
Hugh Lake,	24,	"	Dec. 2, '94.	Left Jan. 7.	37
Maria Whitney,	54,	"	Dec. 18, '94.	Continues.	45
Mary Whitney,	15,	"	Dec. 18, '94.	"	45
Minnie A. Whitney,	10 months.	"		No charge made.	
					2006
Eunice Walker,	69,	Oakham.	April 1, 1892.	Continues.	365
George Ash,	72,	"	April 1, 1892.	Died Oct. 22.	264
Lavina B. Field,	70,	"	Oct. 31, 1894.	Continues.	93
					722

Rosa Boen,	56,	Rutland.	July 22, 1893.	Continues.	365
Louisa Smith,	64,	"	Mar. 6, 1894.	"	332
*Austin Preston,	53,	"	Jan. 1, 1894.	"	306
					1003
Mary Cutting,	64,	Westminster.	Apr. 1, '92.	Died May 7.	96
William Baker,	78,	"	Apr. 1, '92.	Continues.	365
Margaret Cronin,	52,	"	Apr. 1, '92.	"	365
Adaline Eager,	54,	"	Apr. 1, '92.	"	365
Frank Lavine,	16,	"	Jan. 9, '94.	Left Apr. 14.	73
Adrian R. Eaton,	22,	"	July 27, '94.	Left July 30.	4
Sarah Blake,	57,	"	Jan. 24, '95.	Continues.	8
					1276

Whole number of inmates, 30. Died, 5.
Left the institution, 4. Remaining, 21.
Total days board furnished, 6876 or 982 weeks and 2 days.
Average weekly number, 18.89 plus.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Cash received for milk,	$751 58	
" " " calves,	70 00	
" " " board,	10 00	
Due for February milk,	51 10	
" " Handel Winship's board,	32 00	
		$914 68

EXPENSES.

Warden's Salary,	$550 00
Outside Labor,	207 82
Inside Labor,	156 00
Groceries,	423 23
Grain,	579 03
Meat,	166 99
Dry Goods, Clothing and Sundries,	319 58
Pigs,	9 00
Ice,	9 45
Wood,	68 25
Medical Attendance,	32 50
Fertilizer,	123 80
General Repairs,	91 29
Furnace Bulk-head and Fire Escape,	277 02

* Away 59 days.

Fire Extinguisher,	21 00	
Stove,	35 53	
Harness,	23 00	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest on Personal Property,	120 99	
		$3414 48
Deducting sales,		914 68
Balance being net expense,		$2499 80

A weekly expense for each inmate of $2.545.

THE EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

Holden,	$679 48	
Hubbardston,	729 29	
Oakham,	262 49	
Paxton,	Nothing.	
Rutland,	364 65	
Westminster,	463 89	
		$2499 80

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE CONDITION FOR EACH YEAR OF THE ASSOCIATION:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7–26	377.5–7	$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7–26	586	2.243 plus.
Third year,	26	21.25–26	1142	1.959 plus.
*Fourth year,	30	22.37–306	967	2.232 plus.
Fifth year,	30	19.89 plus.	982.2–7	2.545

The inmates have received the kind treatment which a due regard for the comfort of our unfortunate wards demands and their health has been exceptionally good as is shown by the small expense for medical attendance. Of the thirty persons who have received support within the year twenty-one remain, four have left to care for themselves and five have been removed by death, of the latter with the exception of one, a youth of nineteen, who died of consumption, all were persons well advanced in years. Nahum S. Newton of Holden, a veteran of the late war, having waived his claim for support elsewhere as provided by Chap. 447, Acts of 1890, is receiving "soldiers relief" here. Handel Winship of Westminster, a worthy old gentleman of 84 years, of a good

* 10 months.

family, has been boarded at this institution since Dec. 6. His present mental condition requiring a constant watchfullness and restraint such as could not be expected elsewhere. The Association receives four dollars a week for his board. It is worthy of note that notwithstanding the continued business depression the support furnished has been less than for the two previous years, being only fifteen weeks more than for the ten months covered by the preceding report. Paxton is fortunate in having no ward so needy as to require support here. While this condition together with the limited demand for milk which has necessitated the fattening of a number of calves and the making of considerable butter, has conduced to the increased cost per week in maintaining the poor. The more important factor in this increase, has been the improvements on the house, required by the State Inspector of Public Institutions. The furnace for the warming the rooms of the inmates, with the bulk-head which it necessitated together with the fire escape and fire extinguisher afford means of comfort and safety which the spirit of the age demands, but the cost of which should be considered as different from ordinary annual repairs required for the maintenance of an institution of this kind. But for the expense of these permanent fixtures the cost per week would have been about the same as last year. By comparing the cost of outdoor labor, grain, fertilizers, tools, the depreciation in the value of stock and tools and the increased rent on real and personal property made necessary by the working of a farm of this size; with the income derived therefrom it becomes clear to all as it has been for some time to the managers of similar institutions all over the state, that the cultivation of more land than is required to produce what is needed for the consumption of the inmates is a source of loss rather than profit. A pleasant feature which deserves notice was the bountiful Christmas dinner of turkey and such accompaniments as are usually found only on the tables of the rich, contributed by Hon. F. S. Coolidge of Fitchburg, a native and former resident of Westminster. We trust that his example may be followed, and with each recuring Christmas, some one may gladden the hearts of our unfortunates, by a similar act of charity.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, Chairman,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
F. S. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
JOHN ADAMS, HUBBARDSTON,
H. H. PIKE, PAXTON,
HENRY A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books Feb. 1, 1894,	722
Additions during the year,	50
Present number of books,	772

"Friends in Beverly" have contributed 42 volumes. Prof. H. P. Wright, E. C. Spooner, Rev. Wm. Reade, Miss J. M. Reade, and the State, also have given valuable volumes.

The Library having outgrown the bookcases originally prepared for it, these cases have been sold to the town for accomodation of their "Law Library," and new and commodious shelves have been provided for the "Library," greatly improving its appearance, and providing abundant space for future growth.

A very satisfactory arrangement has been made with Coldbrook village, so that they are now enjoying the privileges of the Library.

Largest number of books taken out in one day, 61.
Number of books taken out during year, 1960.
Number of persons taking out books, 169.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Annual Appropriation,	$35 00
Sale of Book-cases,	18 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	4 34
	$57 34

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Paid for care of Library,	$25 00
Paid for express,	65
Paid for library shelves,	19 90
Paid for exchanging books for Coldbrook,	2 00
Paid to balance account of 1894,	6 05
To balance on hand,	3 74
	$57 34

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
E. J. CRAWFORD, } Trustees.
M. L. WOODIS,

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Report of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham, for the year ending March 1st, 1895.

DR.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	$1200 00
" For repairing Coldbrook school house,	150 00
" " general repairs,	25 00
Received State School Fund,	300 00
" Dog tax refunded,	123 35
" Cash for school supplies,	5 10
	$1803 45

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By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss Eliza D. Bean, spring term,	$90 00
" " " Mary E. Anderson, fall term,	90 00
" " " " " winter term,	81 00
	$261 00

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	$70 00
" " " " " fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	$210 00
Fuel and care of school rooms,	77 70
Total expense of Centre Schools,	$548 70

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Bertha C. Lovell, spring term,	$80 00
" " " Lelia Adams, fall term,	12 00
" " " Nellie Curtis, fall term,	24 00
" " Mrs Lillian E. Parker, fall term,	40 00
" " Mr. Arthur C. Hayes, winter term,	80 00
Fuel and care of house,	9 00
	$245 00

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	$65 00
" " " " " fall term,	65 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
Fuel and care of house,	23 00
	$223 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Sophia Pierce, 1893–4,	$130 00
" " " Fannie E. Robinson, spring term,	60 00
" " " " " " fall term,	60 00
" " " " " " winter term,	60 00
Fuel and care of house,	24 00
	$334 00
Paid for transportation of scholars,	150 70
" " repairs on school houses,	133 89
" " Supervision,	92 35
" " School Supplies,	286 29
Total expense of schools,	$2013 93

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1st, 1895,	$133 95
" " " March 1st, 1894,	95 35

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	30	Average attendance,	26
Fall " " "	29	" "	26
Winter " " "	28	" "	24

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Spring Term, whole number,	32	Average attendance,	30
Fall " " "	34	" "	31
Winter " " "	31	" "	27

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	36	Average attendance,	32
Fall " " "	35	" "	31
Winter " " "	34	" "	26

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	15	Average attendance,	13
Fall " " "	17	" "	15
Winter " " "	17	" "	14

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	18	Average attendance,	15
Fall " " "	29	" "	24
Winter " " "	19	" "	14

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term, whole number,	131	Average attendance,	126
Fall " " "	144	" "	127
Winter " " "	129	" "	105

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 160.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Alice Allen, Eva Allen, Ada Carlow, Alice Loring, Eva Grimes, Joseph Swindel, Leroy Burt, Henry Grimes.

TWO TERMS—Clement Ayres, Edward Crawford, Ernest Reed, Robert Briggs, James Allen.

ONE TERM—Ruth Briggs, Edith Clifford, Jennie Loring, Maud Sargeant, Eva Stone, Susie Gleason, John P. Day, Herbert Hapgood, George Loring, David Robinson, Morton Sargeant, Clarence Grimes, May Twohy, Jennie Sheern, Ira Stone, Sadie Packard, Alice Reed, Florinda Lincoln, Mary Ware, Carrie Ware, Maynard Swindel, Harry Loring.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Maud Caldwell, Henry Butterfield, Wm. Tangley.

TWO TERMS—Mildred Bliss, Ruth Butterfield, Gertie Needham, Olive Woodbury, Edward Bliss, Lewis Sibley.

ONE TERM—Nattie Butterfield, Blanche Caldwell, Adelle Parker, Maud Parker, May Strong, Morton Butterfield, Myron Butterfield, Iola Bemis, Esther Clark, Pearl Luce, Fannie Needham, Eva Woodbury, Norman Woodbury, Frank Patten.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Stella Wyman.

ONE TERM—Minnie Bullard, Helen Cummings, Josephine Chagnon, Sadie McClenathan, Eddie Bullard, Clifford Knight, Willie Lloyd, Nellie Thresher, Willie Bullard, Milton Bullard, Lester Knight.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Nellie Gouley, Cora Roper, Henry Roper.

TWO TERMS—Alice Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Flora Gouley, John Dwelly.

ONE TERM—Emma Rock, Emily Ducette, Margaret Ducette, Peter Ducette, Frank Hosea Ducette, Robert Cummings, William Hallowell, George Hallowell, Leon Saunders, Arthur Saunders.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
W. M. ROBINSON,
M. L. WOODIS,
} School Committee.

This to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1895. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Library Trustees and Collector, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1894.

BIRTHS.

Mar. 2 ..... Daughter to C. Rutherford.
May 18 ..... Son to H. M. Green.
July 2 ..... Son to A. H. Prouty, M. D.
Sept. 4 ..... Daughter to W. M. Robinson.
Sept. 9 ..... Son to J. W. Bemis.
Sept. 14 ..... Son to M. Moran.
Oct. 24 ..... Son to Adolph White.
Nov. 15 ..... Son to J. E. Stone.

Whole Number, 8.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 5 ..... Elmer R. Allen to Kate Moran.
Apr. 18 ..... James C. Brown to Ethel L. Bemis.
May 14 ..... Wm. McLean to Sarah V. Worden.
June 5 ..... Harry B. Parker to Grace S. Ball.
Aug. 14 ..... Wm. Gaffney to Mary A. Gaffney.
Sept. 6 ..... Edmund Cody to Catherine Monroe.
Sept. 18 ..... Gardner B. Leonard to Eldora E. Sargeant.
Dec. 23 ..... Leonard P. Lovell to Ida E. Hillier.

Whole Number, 8.

DEATHS.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 1	Moses Bartlett,	86		13
Jan. 12	Austin Adams,	82	6	20
Jan. 17	James McCann,	42		
Jan. 18	James F. Robinson,	42	8	15
Mar. 4	Nancy McCulloch,	75	2	10
Mar. 13	Fanny W. Russell,	89		20
Aug. 5	Sybil L. Worcester,	58	2	
Sept. 22	Rev. Wm. W. Parker,	70	6	7
Sept. 24	Baby Bemis,			15
Oct. 21	George Ash,	72	1	6
Nov. 11	Relutia P. Reed,	72	6	
Dec. 27	Maria Burbank,	79	2	27
Dec. 30	Bertha L. Clark,	47	5	11

Whole Number 13.

BURIED IN TOWN.

Nov. 25	Alonzo Lincoln,	84		
Dec. 31	Ann P. Ross,	77	1	13

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1896.

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OAKHAM, MASS.:
I. W. MULLETT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER.
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1895.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, H. P. AUSTIN.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, W. M. ROBINSON.

COLLECTOR,
W. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD, H. P. AUSTIN,
W. M. ROBINSON, W. R. DEAN.

AUDITOR,
F. S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

FIELD DRIVERS,
JAMES GAFFNEY, GEORGE ALLEN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
D. R. DEAN, D. M. PARKER, H. P. AUSTIN.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
J. W. KNIGHT, W. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
MOSES O. AYRES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetary Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to repair the interior of Memorial Hall, and raise and appropriate money therefor or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XVIII.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate money sufficient to pay their proportional part of painting the Congregational Church and old town hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIX.—To see if the town will discontinue the road leading from the house of S. H. Bullard north to Barre line and also if they will vote to discontinue the road leading from the last named road and running westerly to the road leading from Oakham to Barre depot, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninty-six.

C. H. PARKER, }
D. R. DEAN, } Selectmen of
H. P. AUSTIN, } Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1896–97.

Contingent,	$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	200 00
Paupers,	800 00
Street Lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Highways,	1000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	100 00
Opening Roads,	300 00
Repairs on School Houses,	50 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1896:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	$22 80	
express on books,	5 85	
postage and stationery,	1 30	$29 95

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75 00	
postage and stationery,	4 75	
Collector's book,	1 50	
printing tax bills,	2 00	83 25

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,		25 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
David R. Dean,	25 00	
H. P. Austin,	25 00	
postage and stationery,	1 86	76 86

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln '94,	40 75	
H. W. Lincoln '95,	32 00	
S. H. Bullard,	31 25	
Wm. Gaffney,	26 25	130 25

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services,		15 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	731 26	731 26

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,		1879 65

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid E. Mullett,	11 34	
C. H. Parker for Coldbrook,	11 02	22 36

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, repairs on Highways,	998 31	
Opening Roads,	337 54	1335 85

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
Geo. E. Reed,	15 00	
M. J. Kennen,	50 00	
Owen Carroll,	24 00	173 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

For Geo. E. Reed,		
Paid A. B. Ware, watching,	82 25	
J. A. Pierce, coal,	5 02	
N. W. Packard, meat,	5 70	
H. M. Green, watching,	7 00	
Phylena Dwelly, care,	40 00	
D. J. Pratt, medicines,	8 25	
Dr. E. L. Sawyer, services,	112 00	
C. H. Parker & Son., groceries,	38 52	298 74

PAINTING MEMORIAL HALL.

Paid F. S. Conant, 550 lbs. lead, 5½c. per lb.,	30 25	
30 gals. oil, 57c per gal.,	17 10	
freight,	2 66	
putty,	08	
lamp black,	10	
	50 19	
Less 2 per cent on lead,	60	
	49 59	
Paid W. C. Ayres,	63 50	113 09

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. W. Mullett for Town Reports,	17 00	
Ballots for town meeting,	11 00	
I. W. Mullett for Special ballots,	3 00	
E. Mullett, ballot clerk,	2 00	
C. P. Hill, ballot clerk,	4 00	
C. Paquin, Jr., ballot clerk,	2 00	
D. O. Lovell, ballot clerk,	4 00	
L. P. Lovell, abatement on taxes,	16 00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing church bell,	35 00	
care of Memorial Hall,	10 00	

Paid Marble & Allen, State Highway survey,	73 28	
C. E. Rogers, printing,	12 00	
W. S. Crawford, repairing pump,	50	
L. N. Haskell, wood for hall,	6 00	
P. McGreevy, wood for hall,	20 00	
H. P. Draper, Sheriff,	7 28	
W. E. Tarbell, Sheriff,	13 95	
James Packard, services as sexton,	11 25	
Principal and interest Worcester County Institute for Savings,	1010 67	
Interest to Commonwealth,	60 00	
Note to Commonwealth,	1500 00	
A. H. Prouty for returning births,	75	
Discount on taxes,	207 20	
Public Library,	50 00	3076 88
Total,		7991 14

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	$360 31	
Support of Paupers,	731 26	
Schools,	1879 65	
Street Lights,	22 36	
Highways,	998 31	
Opening Roads,	337 54	
Soldiers' Relief,	298 74	
State Aid,	173 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	3076 88	
Painting Memorial Hall,	113 09	7991 14

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. PARKER,
D. R. DEAN,
H. P. AUSTIN,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford, Jesse Allen, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, Carlos P. Hill, W. C. Bliss, Henry D. Bullard, Mason S. Dean.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

DR.

1895.		
To Balance in Treasury,	$1993 65	
Cash from J. W. Bemis, (Innholder's license,)	1 00	
" From B. P. Clark & M. C. Needham Co., ($\frac{3}{4}$ license money,)	975 00	
" Borrowed Wor. Co. In. for Savings, 4 per cent,	1000 00	
" From School Supplies,	6 17	
" " Use of Hall,	5 00	
" " Fines returned,	12 81	
" " W. C. Ayres, (oil,)	4 24	
" " H. D. Bullard, (ashes,)	2 25	
" " New Braintree, (tuition,)	5 00	
" " D. M. Rixford, (tuition,)	5 00	
" " State, (High School tuition refunded,)	15 00	
" " State Corporation Tax,	8 57	
" " " National Bank Tax,	4 98	
" " " State Aid Refunded,	134 00	
" " " School Fund,	435 35	
" " County Dog Fund,	164 50	
" " Interest on Bank Deposits,	17 87	
" " Interest on Taxes,	42 25	
" " Town Tax,	5606 03	10,438 67

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By paying Selectmen's Orders,	7991 14	
Uncollected taxes, 1894,	49 18	
" " 1895,	1457 05	
Cash Balance,	941 30	10,438 67

For the first time in more than thirty-five years, Oakham is free from debt, the last note of $1500 having been paid Dec. 31, 1895.

At the close of the War of the Rebellion, the town debt amounted to about $8000.

A few years after, five per cent of the town's vaination was taken in the stock of the Mass. Cen. R. R. amounting to $17,500.

The following figures, showing the amount of interest paid annually by the town from 1860 to 1896, may prove an INTERESTING and perhaps PROFITABLE object lesson.

Year.	Amount.
1860,	$114 00
1861,	128 12
1862,	288 00
1863,	344 81
1864,	400 00
1865,	500 00
1866,	600 00
1867,	606 87
1868,	526 31
1869,	500 00
1870,	441 42
1871,	600 00
1872,	586 79
1873,	983 67
1874,	1502 59
1875,	1653 31
1876,	1658 80
1877,	1514 04
1878,	1523 42
1879,	1374 00
1880,	1262 50
1881,	1197 50
1882,	1137 50
1883,	1137 50
1884,	1137 50
1885,	1137 50
1886,	1140 28
1887,	910 00
1888,	628 75
1889,	330 25
1890,	341 99
1891,	261 80
1892,	256 25
1893,	184 31
1894,	125 42
1895,	95 80
1896,	70 67
Total Amount,	$27,101 67

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

Taxes committed for Collection, 1895:		
State Tax,	$210 00	
County Tax,	327 00	
Town Tax,	5606 03	
Uncollected Taxes, 1894,	1293 15	
Interest on Taxes,	42 25	7478 43

CR.

Paid State Tax,	210 00	
County Tax,	327 00	
Treasurer's Receipts,	5435 20	
Uncollected Taxes, 1894,	49 18	
" " 1895,	1457 05	7478 43

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$406 33	
Edwin Green,	127 99	
S. F. Woodis,	71 29	
Wallace Grimes,	57 81	
Henry Fobes,	111 07	
Sylvester Haskell,	103 95	
F. D. Russell,	3 15	
Elias Swindle,	3 50	
John Keep,	9 17	
Newton J. Green,	18 89	
Patrick Cummings,	3 14	
A. B. Spooner,	2 45	
Patrick McGreevy,	5 77	
H. D. Bullard,	24 66	
Albert Hapgood,	7 35	
Geo. E. Allen,	8 50	
D. M. Parker,	15 40	
C. H. Parker,	4 20	
D. R. Dean,	8 14	
A. & F. Loring,	5 55	998 31

OPENING ROADS.

1894–5.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$19 17	
E. Green,	4 61	
S. F. Woodis,	2 53	
John Keep,	33 40	
James Gaffney,	22 29	
John Gaffney,	10 19	
Walter Bullard,	12 95	
E. Davenport,	4 90	
Wm. Gaffney,	11 87	
Patrick King,	26 42	
Justin E. Rawson,	7 17	
S. J. Foster,	2 01	
Peter White,	13 30	
Geo. Allen,	1 33	
Elmer Allen,	1 40	
Patrick McGreevy,	3 85	

Paid W. M. Robinson,	3	80	
Patrick Cummings,	2	36	
Chas. L. Clark,	1	58	
Lyman Green,	1	05	
Patrick Moran,	2	10	
H. A. Crawford,	13	47	
G. W. Stone,	13	43	
L. H. Sargeant,		26	
Albert Hapgood,		62	
Leon Hapgood,	1	09	
Edson Hapgood,	2	27	
Mrs. A. Maynard,	4	37	
J. P. Fairbank,	1	92	
J. W. Revane,	2	10	
F. R. & F. D. Russell,	2	10	
Geo. Clark,		35	
W. Chagnon,	5	95	
M. M. Butterfield,	8	85	
John Gilboy,	21	22	
H. D. Bullard,	2	45	
Geo. N. Briggs,	7	05	
Dennis Leyden,	2	01	
H. W. Lincoln,	4	23	
Wm. C. Crawford,	3	94	
A. B. Spooner,	4	20	
J. C. Rutherford,	1	92	
B. Banks,	6	45	
E. Mullett,	5	63	
C. S. Clifford,	3	58	
L. N. Haskell,	3	58	
James Sheern,	2	89	
Elias Swindle,	1	40	
A. D. White,	4	99	
J. E. Stone,	5	90	
Waldo Knight,	1	75	
Lester Knight,	2	14	
Clifford Knight,	1	75	
Albert Ware,		44	
Fred Hatstat,	1	40	
A. C. Morse,	1	56	
Samuel Dean,		88	
John Bowen,	1	12	337 54

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$182 00
For support of Lydia Chamberlain,	35 00
" " Almira Woodis,	52 00
" " Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
" " Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	34 93
" " Family of George Thresher,	236 48
" " Ambrose P. Hall,	58 35
" Burial of George Ash,	2 00
" Keeping 125 tramps,	30 25
Jesse Allen, 13 journeys to Poor Farm,	32 50
Jesse Allen, general service,	5 00
James Packard, general service,	5 00
Walter M. Robinson, general service,	5 00
Postage and stationery,	75
	$731 26

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged	70
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	"	51
Miss Almira Woodis,	"	66
Mrs. Charles Burt,	"	84
Mrs. L. B. Field,	"	71
Ambrose P. Hall,	"	71
Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd.		
Family of George Thresher.		

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES PACKARD,
WALTER M. ROBINSON, } Overseers of the Poor.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Management.

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT.

Name.	Settlement.	Age.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days.
Martha Parker,	Holden,	57,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	365
Lizzie Kenny,	"	39,	April 1, 1890.	"	365
Nahum S. Newton,	"	65,	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	365
Peter King,	"	78,	April 26, 1893.	"	365
Patrick Doyle,	"	81,	Nov. 1, 1892.	Died Oct. 8.	250
					1710
Nancy Boynton,	Hubbardston,	57,	Apr. 1, '90.	Continues.	365
David Rice,	"	77,	Apr. 1, '91.	"	365
Moses Clark,	"	18,	May 26, '91.	"	365
Mary W. Whitney,	"	16,	Dec. 18, '94.	"	365
Elbridge G. Thatcher,	"	78,	Aug. 5, '92.	Died May 17.	106
Joseph Granger,	"	79,	Jan. 23, '96.	Continues.	8
Henry Clark,	"	16,	Dec. 16, '95.	"	46
*Minnie Whitney,	"	1 y., 10 mos.	Dec. 18, '94.	"	152
†Maria Whitney,	"	55,	Dec. 18, '94.	Left Sept 17.	104
Mary LaCross,	"	45,	May 11, '95.	Left May 14.	3
Nellie LaCross,	"	11,	May 11, '65.	Left May 14.	3
Katie LaCross,	"	9,	May 11, '95.	Left May 14.	3
Mamie LaCross,	"	5,	May 11, '95.	Left May 14.	3
Case LaCross,	"	3,	May 11, '95.	Left May 14.	3
John Wilson,	"	59,	Dec. 27, '95.	Continues.	35
					1926
Eunice Walker,	Oakham,	70,	April 1, 1892.	Continues.	365
Lavina B. Field,	"	71,	Oct. 31, 1894.	"	365
					730

*A charge of one-half price after one year old.
†Away 125 days.

Rosa Roen,	Rutland,	57,	July 22, 1893.	Continues.	365
Louisa Smith,	"	65,	March 6, 1894.	"	365
Austin Preston,	"	54,	Jan. 1,.1894.	"	365
Elizabeth Demond,	"	76,	May 6, 1895.	"	270
Louisa B. Clark,	"	43,	Nov. 19, 1895.	"	73
*Ernest E. Clark,	"	4.	Nov. 19, 1895.	Left Jan. 16.	29
*William W. Clark,	"	2,	Nov. 19, 1895.	Left Jan. 16.	29
Fred W. Clark,	"	19,	Jan. 6, 1896.	Continues.	25
John Kelley,	"	35,	Jan. 16, 1896.	Continues.	15
					1536

William Baker,	Westminster,	77,	Apr. 1, '92. Died Apr. 14.	73
Adaline Eager,	"	55,	Apr. 1, '92. Continues.	365
Margaret Cronin,	"	52,	Apr. 1, '92. "	365
Sarah Blake,	"	57,	Jan. 24. '95. Left Mar. 8.	36
†Louisa Carter,	"	65,	Aug. 22, '95. Continues.	147
				986

Whole number of inmates, 36. Died, 3.
Left the institution, 9. Remaining, 24.
Total days board furnished, 6888 or 984 weeks.
Average weekly number, 18 12–13.

Handel Winship of Westminster has been a boarder throughout the year, and Miss Lois Brown has served as nurse for her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland since her coming to the Institution.

RECEIPTS.

For milk sold,	$903 14	
Stock,	215 97	
Eggs and poultry,	46 93	
Vegetables,	86 55	
Handel Winship's board,	156 00	
Due for Handel Winship's board,	52 00	
" " January milk,	72 52	1533 11

EXPENSES.

Warden's and Matron's Salary,	$508 40
Outside Labor,	198 95

*A charge of one-half price.
†Away 15 days.

Inside labor,	144 50	
Groceries,	578 20	
Meats,	318 07	
Grain,	530 48	
Dry goods and clothing,	183 69	
Furniture,	93 92	
Boots and shoes,	31 21	
Fish,	26 82	
Ice,	11 40	
Medical Attendance,	66 00	
Medicine,	13 91	
Sundries,	113 87	
Blacksmithing and repairs,	29 37	
Stock, 6 cows,	323 00	
Pigs,	12 00	
Fowls,	27 00	
Fire Extinguishers,	5 00	
Fertilizers,	118 29	
Democrat wagon,	65 00	
Corn Planter,	22 00	
Wood,	40 00	
Lumber,	14 25	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest on personal property,	120 99	
		$3796 32
Deducting receipts,		1533 11
Balance being net expense,		$2263 21

Cost of board per week for each inmate, $2.30.

THE EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

Holden,	$561 86	
Hubbardston,	632 83	
Oakham,	239 86	
Rutland,	504 69	
Westminster,	323 97	
		$2263 21

Paxton, nothing

THE FOLLOWING TABLE MAY BE OF INTEREST:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7–26	377.5–7	$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7–26	586	2.243 plus.
Third year,	26	21.25–26	1142	1.959 plus.
*Fourth year,	30	22.37–306	967	2.232 plus.
Fifth year,	30	18.89 plus.	982.2–7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18.12–13	984	2.30

* Ten months.

Only three inmates have answered to the final summons during the past year, and the health of the others has been as good as could be expected, they have been well provided for and kindly treated by the Warden and Matron. The returns from the farm have been good. Six cows have been purchased to replace those which it had become unprofitable to longer retain. Paxton has again been fortunate in having no one to provide for at the Almshouse. Hon. F. S Coolidge of Fitchburg repeated his generous donation of last year, by again providing an elaborate turkey dinner for Christmas.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, President,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
F. S. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
JOHN ADAMS, HUBBARDSTON,
HENRY A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,
HENRY H. PIKE, PAXTON,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books Feb. 1, 1895,	772
Additions during the year,	12
Present number of books,	784

The Library has enjoyed a prosperous year, and has been well patronized.

The "Dramatic Club" has given an entertainment for its benefit. With the funds now on hand, quite an addition of new books will soon be made. Several valuable new books have been contributed to the Library within the year.

Largest number of books taken out in one day, 50.
Number of books taken out during year, 1526.
Number of persons taking out books, 139.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Annual Appropriation,	$50 00
From Dramatic Club,	10 42
Fines and sale of catalogues,	3 98
Balance on hand,	3 74
	$68 14

CR.

Paid for care of Library,	$25 00
Paid for express,	80
Paid for books,	1 00
Paid for exchange of books, (Coldbrook,)	9 00
To balance on hand,	32 34
	$68 14

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, } Trustees.
M. L. WOODIS, }

SCHOOL REPORT.

For the year ending March 1, 1896.

Our schools have, for the most part, enjoyed a prosperous year. Good health has prevailed throughout the town, no child having died within the year.

All the school buildings have been painted and other needed repairs made, and are now in good condition. School attendance has been generally good. As the law, requiring school attendance, does not seem to be generally understood, we quote the following extract:

"Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks time for absences not excused by the Superintendent of Schools, or the School Committee, and for every neglect of such duty, the person offending shall, upon the complaint of the School Committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars. But if such child has attended for a like period, a private day school, approved by the School Committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time, in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred."

By the law of 1895, "in the smaller towns of the State, not maintaining a High School, the tuition of all scholars attending High Schools in adjoining towns, will be paid by the town, on application of parents or guardians, and refunded to the town by the State."

An excellent law. Several of our youth are already taking advantage of it.

For the guidance of teachers and scholars, the following "Course of Study" has been adopted:

COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

Reading from Chart, Blackboard and Primer. First Lessons in Number Work. Writing. Spelling and Drawing.

SECOND YEAR.

Reading from First Reader and Chart. Number Work. Writing. Spelling Drawing and Music.

THIRD YEAR.

Reading from Second Reader, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's 1st Lessons in Numbers. Writing. Spelling. Drawing and Music.

FOURTH YEAR.

Reading from Third Reader, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's First Lessons in Numbers completed. First Lessons in Written Arithmetic. Primary Geography. Writing. Spelling. Drawing and Music.

FIFTH YEAR.

Reading, Third Reader completed, with Supplementary Reading. Greenleaf's Intellectual Arithmetic, and Written Arithmetic to fractions. Writing. Spelling, oral and written. Language Lessons. Hygiene for Young People. Drawing and Music.

SIXTH YEAR.

Reading, Fourth Reader. Greenleaf's Written and Intellectual Arithmetic. Metcalf's Grammar. Warren's Common School Geography. Writing and Map Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

SEVENTH YEAR.

Reading Fourth Reader, with Supplementary reading. Greenleaf's Written and Intellectual Arithmetic. Grammar. Warren's Geography. U. S. History. Writing and Map Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Reading Fifth Reader with Supplementary reading. Greenleaf's Written Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. U. S. History. Physiology. Writing. Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

NINTH YEAR.

Reading Fifth Reader with Supplementary reading. Written Arithmetic completed. Grammar, analysis and parsing. Geography. History. Physiology. Writing. Drawing. Spelling, written and oral. Music.

The evil effects of narcotics and stimulants shall be taught through the Course, as directed by law of the State.

Algebra, Book-keeping, Physical Geography, and other studies may be pursued, at the option of the School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	$1200 00
" For repairing School-houses,	100 00
Received State School Fund,	435 35
" Dog tax refunded,	164 50
" Cash for school supplies,	6 17
" From D. M. Rixford, tuition,	5 00
" " Town of New Braintree, tuition,	5 00
" " the State, High school tuition refunded,	15 00
	$1931 02

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By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTER SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss Mary Anderson, spring term,	$90 00
" " " Eva B. Banister, fall term,	9 00
" " " Estelle M. Curtis, fall term,	70 00
" " " Maria L. Lincoln, fall term,	20 00
" " " Jeanette Talbot, winter term,	90 00
	$279 00

CENTER SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	$70 00
" " " " " fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	$210 00
Fuel,	74 00
Care of Furnace,	18 30
Total expense of Center Schools,	$581 30

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss May L. Kennon, spring term,	$80 00
" " " Alice R. Walker, fall term,	80 00
" " " Mary A. Sargent, winter term,	80 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	9 75
	$264 75

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	$65 00
" " " " " fall term,	65 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	9 00
Care of house,	8 00
	$217 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Fannie E. Robinson, spring term,	$60 00
" " " Minnie G. Dean, fall term,	60 00
" " " " " winter term,	60 00
Fuel,	7 50
Care of house,	7 50
	$195 00

Town of Barre, High School tuition,		40 00
Paid for transportation of scholars,		90 20
" " repairs on school houses,		185 04
" " Supervision, Jesse Allen,	$49 00	104 85
W. M. Robinson,	38 85	
M. L. Woodis,	17 00	
" " School supplies,		201 51
Total expense of schools,		$1879 65

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand, March 1, 1896,	$137 12
" " " March 1, 1895,	133 95

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	22.	Average attendance,	20
Fall " " "	28.	" "	26
Winter " " "	29.	" "	20

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Spring Term,	whole number,	33.	Average attendance, 29
Fall "	" "	32.	" " 29
Winter "	" "	30.	" " 28

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	28.	Average attendance, 25
Fall "	" "	27.	" " 22
Winter "	" "	24.	" " 20

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	22.	Average attendance, 13
Fall "	" "	18.	" " 15
Winter "	" "	16.	" " 15

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	18.	Average attendance, 16
Fall "	" "	18.	" " 16
Winter "	" "	17.	" " 15

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term,	whole number,	116.	Average attendance, 103
Fall "	" "	119.	" " 108
Winter "	" "	116.	" " 98

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 138.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—James Allen, Alice Allen, A. Leroy Burt, Robert Briggs, Henry Grimes, Joseph Swindell, A. Wayne Marsh, Florine Lincoln, Ada Carlow, Mildred Burt, Eva Allen.

TWO TERMS.—Susie Gleason, Edith Clifford, Clement Ayres, David Robinson, Clarence Grimes, Eva Grimes, Birdie Carlow, Alice Loring, Jennie Sheern, Mary McGrevey.

ONE TERM.—Carrie Ware, Sadie Packard, May Ayres, Edith Bartlett, Eva Stone, Lila Hillier, Cathie Bullard, Ida Crawford, Mamie Ware, May Twohy, Mabel Conant, Kimball Packard, Edna Marsh, Ernest Reed, Sylvester Dean, Irna Clifford.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Alice Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Cora Roper, Henry Roper.

TWO TERMS.—Amy Cleveland, Walter Cleveland, Lucy Roper, Flora Gueley, Nellie Gueley, John Dwelly.

ONE TERM.—Charlie Cleveland, William Hallowell, George Hallowell, Arthur Sanders, Leroy Sanders.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS.—Maud Caldwell, William Tangley.

ONE TERM.—Mary Strong, Mildred Bliss, Henry Butterfield, Maud Parker, Edward Bliss.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Stella L. Wyman.

TWO TERMS.—Nellie M. Thrasher, Willie Bullard, Milton Bullard.

ONE TERM.—Eddie Bullard, Helen Cummings, Minnie Bullard, Walter McClenathan.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
M. L. WOODIS,
HORACE W. LINCOLN, } School Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1896. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Library Trustees, and Collector of Taxes, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1895.

BIRTHS.

Apr. 3 ..... Daughter to John Keep.
May 24 ..... Son to William Gaffney.
May 26 ..... Daughter to Charles S. Clifford.
June 22 ..... Daughter to Edmund Cody.
July 29 ..... Son to Clifford Rutherford.
Sept. 26 ..... Son to Elmer R. Allen.
Sept. 30 ..... Daughter to George L. Parker.
Oct. 8 ..... Daughter to James Scott.
Nov. 21 ..... Son to Walter M. Robinson.

MARRIAGES.

Apr. 24 ..... Charles O. Cowan to Gertie A. Parker.
Dec. 24 ..... Thomas Winter to Mrs. Roxana Knights.

DEATHS.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Mar. 1	Mrs. Nancy Woodis,	72	11	1
Apr. 1	Peter Ducette,	74	5	25
May 14	George E. Reed,	61	7	26
May 31	Edwin N. Hunt,	60	5	17
Oct. 11	Mrs. Adeline F. Barber,	67	3	14
Oct. 15	Luther Dean,	81	3	25
Dec. 16	Moses O. Ayres,	69	4	25

Average age nearly 70 years.

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

OAKHAM, MASS.:
I. W. MULLETT, PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,
1897.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, H. P. AUSTIN.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, H. P. AUSTIN.

COLLECTOR,
WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD, C. S. CLIFFORD,
WILLIAM GAFFNEY.

AUDITOR,
F. S. CONANT.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

FIELD DRIVER,
C. S. CLIFFORD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,
WM. S. CRAWFORD, D. R. DEAN, R. F. PARKER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD, EVANDER L. PARKER

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
WILLIAM S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon,

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetary Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART, V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase and erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and nintey-seven.

C. H. PARKER, }
D. R. DEAN, } Selectmen of
H. P. AUSTIN } Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1897–98.

Contingent,	$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	175 00
Paupers,	700 00
Street Lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Highways,	1000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	50 00
Opening Roads,	200 00
Repairs on School Houses,	25 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1897:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	$31 60	
express on books,	5 20	
postage and stationery,	1 18	$37 98

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75 00	
postage and stationery,	5 00	
Collector's book,	1 50	
Printing tax bills	1 00	82 50

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,		25 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
H. P. Austin,	25 00	
postage, stationery,	2 31	77 31

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln,	33 00	
S. H. Bullard,	30 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	25 00	88 00

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services,		15 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,		592 71

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,		1940 90

STREET LAMPS,

Paid C. S. Clifford,	25 00	
Myron Butterfield,	22 76	47 76

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, Highways,	988	88	
Opening Roads,	25	15	
Repairs on Bridges,	135	79	1149 82

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48	00	
H. M. Green,	36	00	
Owen Carroll,	15	00	
Myron Kennen,	60	00	
S. A. Reed,	48	00	
John E. Stone,	32	00	239 00

REPAIRS ON MEMORIAL HALL.

Paid Waldo Brothers, cement and lime,	57	78	
chimney pipe,	7	02	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	11	92	
Boston & Albany R. R., freight,		33	
Parmenter Mfg. Co., brick,	15	00	
M. M. Butterfield, carting brick,	13	50	
A. J. Holden, furnace,	94	55	
Gough & Co., chimney top,	8	00	
D. M. Parker, lumber,	52	00	
Ware Lumber Co., lumber,	20	76	
E. Mullett, carting sand,	27	80	
H. A. Crawford, carting sand,	6	25	
C. Paquin, irons for chimney and hall,	2	56	
Richard Dunbar, mason work,	14	63	
J. Shores, mason work,	15	00	
L. S. Green, labor,	21	76	
F. E. Reed, labor,	5	60	
B. P. Woodis, labor,	13	73	
E. Green, labor,	6	30	
H. E. Caldwell, labor,	25	50	
R. F. Parker, labor and supplies,	79	13	
A. F. Hapgood, labor,	5	25	
C. S. Clifford, labor,	2	00	
W. C. Ayres, labor and paint stock,	119	93	
W. C. Ayres, paper,	52	70	
Jason Allen, supplies and labor,	74	26	
Jones, McDuffy & Stratton, hall lamps,	14	09	
N. W. Packard, supplies,	3	92	
C. H. Parker & Son, telephoning, nails and lock,	4	53	775 80

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. W. Mullett, printing town reports,	20 25	
printing ballots,	11 75	
printing valuation,	15 00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing church bell,	35 00	
care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
A. J. Holden, repairs on furnace,	1 25	
Wm. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	164 52	
Memorial Day,	19 50	
L. N. Haskell, wood for hall,	20 00	
Public Library,	50 00	
L. P. DeLand, insurance,	17 50	
H. P. Draper, services as Sheriff,	7 00	
Muliken & Wheeler, binding town records,	9 00	
James Packard, services as sexton,	18 00	
Repairs on hearse and hearse house,	2 00	
Return of deaths,	2 75	
Abatement of taxes,	17 81	
BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.		
E. Mullett,	2 00	
Geo. Temple,	2 00	
C. P. Hill,	4 00	
Geo. Stone,	2 00	
C. Paquin,	2 00	
H. S. Harwood,	2 00	435 33
Total,		5507 11

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	$325 79	
Support of Paupers,	592 71	
Schools,	1940 90	
Street Lights,	47 76	
Highways,	988 88	
Bridges,	135 79	
Opening Roads,	25 15	
State Aid,	239 00	
Repairs on Hall,	775 80	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	435 33	5507 11

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford, Wm. S. Spear, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, S. H. Bullard, W. C. Bliss, Henry D. Bullard, Elbridge Mullett, G. M. Dean.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

DR.

1896.			
To Cash Balance,	$941	30	
" from M. C. Needham & Co., ¾ license money,	975	00	
" From Henry Bullard, ashes,	2	25	
" " Use of Town Hall,	29	00	
" " School Supplies,	4	02	
" " Wm. C. Ayres, lumber,	5	00	
" " Sale of Charles Winslow's land, (for taxes,)		52	
" " High School tuition refunded,	101	46	
" " Fines returned,	13	40	
" " Corporation Tax,	6	99	
" " National Bank Tax,	1	55	
" " State Aid Refunded,	172	00	
" " Mass. School Fund,	458	38	
" " Dog Fund,	171	76	
" " Interest on Bank Deposits,	11	12	
" " Wm, S. Crawford, Collector, taxes,	4102	71	
" " Wm. S. Crawford, Collector, Interest on Taxes, (1894)	8	89	
" " Wm. S. Crawford, Collector, Interest on Taxes, (1895)	40	99	7046 34

CR.

By paying Selectmen's Orders,	5507	11	
Cash on hand,	1539	23	7046 34

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

Taxes committed for Collection, 1896:		
State Tax,	$245 00	
County Tax,	408 00	
Town Tax,	4491 87	
Uncollected Taxes of 1894,	49 18	
" " " 1895,	1457 05	
Interest on Taxes.	49 88	6700 98

Cr.

Paid State Tax,	245 00	
County Tax,	408 00	
Treasurer's Receipts,	4152 59	
Uncollected Taxes, 1895,	290 52	
" " 1896,	1604 87	6700 98

Respectfully submitted,

Wm S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1897.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$352 82	
Edwin Green,	121 81	
L. P Green,	116 65	
Henry Fobes,	77 01	
S. F. Woodis,	93 20	
A. B. Spooner,	102 00	
D. M. Parker,	94 53	
H. D. Bullard,	4 78	
Albert Hapgood,	3 50	
Sidney Dean,	1 75	
C. H. Parker,	4 88	
Repairs on scraper, etc.,	15 85	988 88

REPAIRS ON BRIDGES.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$35 10	
Edwin Green,	17 28	
A. B. Spooner,	7 24	
D. M. Parker,	15 85	
S. H. Bullard,	31 35	
C. M. Maynard,	5 00	
C. B. Caldwell,	3 33	
D. R. Dean,	14 76	
Newton J. Green,	1 40	
Louis Urquhart,	3 08	
L. P. Green,	1 40	135 79

OPENING ROADS.

Paid M. M. Butterfield,	$3 74
John P. Gaffney,	1 56
Elbridge Mullett,	53
Patrick White,	1 23
S. J. Foster,	88
Justin E. Rawson,	1 22
L. S. Green,	26
Clifford Knight,	50

Paid L. W. Knight,	70	
Edwin Green,	1 22	
John Keep,	1 75	
G. W. Stone,	1 49	
Wm. Gaffney,	1 00	
W. A. Nye,	2 96	
Newton J. Green,	1 57	
John Gaffney,	4 54	25 15

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$280 00
For support of Almira Woodis,	52 00
" " Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	12 25
" " Earl Thresher,	85 55
" " Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	22 26
" Burial of Ambrose P. Hall,	14 00
" Keeping 104 tramps,	26 00
Jesse Allen, 13 trips to Holden,	33 00
Jesse Allen, general service,	5 00
James Packard, general service,	5 00
Henry P. Austin, general service,	5 00
Postage, stationery and telephoning,	65
	$592 71

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged	71
Miss Almira Woodis,	"	67
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	"	52
Mrs. Charles Burt,	"	85
Mrs. Lavina B. Field,	"	72
Family of Louisa M. Lloyd.		
Family of George E. Thresher.		

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES PACKARD,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
} Overseers of the Poor.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897.

Respectfully submitted by the board of management:

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT:

Name.	Age.	Settlement.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days.
Martha Parker,	58,	Holden,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	366
Lizzie Kenney,	40,	"	"	"	366
Nahum S. Newton,	66,	"	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	366
Peter King,	79,	"	Apr. 26, 1893.	Died Jan. 27.	362
Mabel Conors,	42,	"	Apr. 16, 1896.	Continues.	291
					1751
David Rice,	77,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, 1891.	Continues.	366
Nancy Boynton,	58,	"	Apr. 1, 1890.	"	366
John Wilson,	61	"	Dec. 27, 1895.	Dis. Mar. 21. Returned Sept. 22. Con.	180
Albert Wheeler,	73,	"	Mar. 20, 1896.	Continues.	317
Moses Clark,	18,	"	May 26, 1891.	Dis. May 4. Ret. Aug. 4. Died Aug. 10.	100
Joseph Granger,	80,	"	Jan. 23, 1896.	Dis. Sept. 2.	215
Henry Clark,	17,	"	Dec. 16, 1895.	Dis. Sept. 11.	224
Mary W. Whitney,	17,	"	Dec. 18, 1894.	ranaway Apr 2.	62
Minnie Whitney,	2,	"	Dec. 18, 1894.	Dis. Feb. 19.	9
					1839
Eunice Walker,	71,	Oakham.	Apr. 1, 1892.	Continues.	366
Lavina B. Field,	72,	"	Oct. 31, 1894.	"	366
					732

Carrie Snow, 42,	Paxton,	Apr. 10, 1896.	Continues.	285
William Newton, 74,	"	June 6, 1896.	Died June 10.	4
				289
Elijah C. Foster, 88,	Phillipston,	Apr. 30, 1896.	Continues.	277
Charles Dunton, 82,	"	Apr. 30, 1896.	"	277
				554
Rosa Roen, 53,	Rutland,	July 22, 1893.	Dis. Apr. 7.	67
Elizabeth Demond, 76,	"	May 6, 1895.	Continues.	366
Austin Preston, 55,	"	May 6, 1895.	Died Dec. 26.	330
John Kelley, 36,	"	Jan. 16, 1896.	Dis. June 22.	143
Louisa B. Clark, 44,	"	Nov. 19, 1895.	Dis. Mar. 22.	22
				928
Adeline Eager, 56,	Westminster.	Apr. 1, 1892.	Continues.	366
Margaret Cronin, 52,	"	Apr. 1, 1892.	"	366
Sarah Blake, 58,	"	Aug. 10, 1896.	"	166
Louisa Carter, 65,	"	Aug. 22, 1895.	Dis. Aug. 20.	202
Susan Derby, 80,	"	Dec. 6, 1896,	Died Jan. 4.	31
				1131

Whole number of inmates, 36. Died, 5.
Left the institution, 8. Remaining, 17.
Total days board furnished, 7224 or 1032 weeks.
Average weekly number, 19 11–13.

Handel Winship of Westminster is still a boarder and Miss Lois Brown continues to serve as nurse for her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland.

RECEIPTS.

For milk sold,	$1040 18	
Poultry and eggs,	47 05	
Pork and veal,	24 95	
Dinners,	9 00	
Wagon,	6 00	
Sundries,	3 31	
Cash,	19 17	
Mr. Winship's board,	208 00	1357 66

EXPENSES.

Warden's and Matron's Salary,	$562 52	
Outside labor,	92 07	
Inside labor,	156 62	
Meat and fish,	202 46	
Grain,	500 83	
Flour and Groceries,	446 78	
Bread,	143 18	
Dry Goods,	165 65	
Stock,	217 00	
Medicine,	27 45	
Medical attendance,	104 40	
Painting house,	138 18	
Boots and shoes,	21 18	
Sundries,	354 73	
Fertilizer,	74 00	
Wood,	35 00	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest on Personal Property,	120 99	
		$3563 04
Deducting receipts,		1357 66
Balance being net expense,		$2205 38

Cost per week for each inmate, $2.138.

THE EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

Holden,	$534 81	
Hubbardston,	561 68	
Oakham,	222 66	
Paxton.	88 27	
Phillipston,	169 21	
Rutland,	283 31	
Westminister,	345 44	
		$2205 38

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE ANNUAL CONDITION SINCE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7–26	377.5–7	$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7–26	586	2.243 plus
Third year,	26	21.25–26	1142	1.959 plus
*Fourth year,	30	22.37–306	967	2.232

* 10 months.

Fifth year,	30	18.89	982.2–7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18.12–13	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	19.11–13	1032	2.138

It will be noticed that Phillipston has united with the association. We have been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient warden and matron Mr. and Mrs. Aaron L. Potter, under whose direction the inmates have been well cared for, and the affairs of the institution conducted in a business like manner. Good health was generally enjoyed up to the last of December when an epidemic form of the la grippe attacked the institution, from the effects of which three persons advanced in years and broken in health succumbed. The other two deaths were persons who were brought to the farm sick, and survived their coming but a few days. The house has been repainted and a silo constructed in the barn, though not of sufficient capacity to contain all of the very large crop of forage which was raised the last season. The number of cows has been increased to fourteen, thereby increasing the receipts for milk.

For the fourth time the hearts of the inmates were gladdened by receiving a bountiful Christmas dinner through the kindness of Hon. F. S. Coolidge of Fitchburg.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINISTER, President,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
F. S. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
JOHN ADAMS, HUBBARDSTON,
H. H. PIKE, PAXTON,
D. WEBSTER BAKER, PHILLIPSTON,
H. A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books March 1, 1896,	784
Additions during the year,	88
Present number of books,	872

Increasing interest is shown, from year to year, by our citizens, and friends of the town, in the welfare and prosperity of our Library. The number of those taking out books is larger than in any previous year.

An arrangment has been made, which gives excellent satisfaction, with Coldbrook Village, by which they enjoy a weekly exchange of books.

The Schools of the town, under the supervision of the teachers, are allowed free access to the same, for information desired, a privilege greatly enjoyed, especially by the Centre Grammar School.

A large addition has been made, within the year, to the Library by books purchased, also from valuable gifts from friends of the town.

"Travelling Libraries," so called, comprising 25 or more volumes each, of very useful and expensive books, have been loaned to the town, for a period of six months each, within the past year, by an organization known as the "Woman's Education Association of Mass.,' the object of which is to aid the smaller towns of the State. An excellent plan, and, we believe, destined to accomplish great good.

Largest number of books taken out in one day, 54.
Number of books taken out during year, 1637.
Number of persons taking out books, 142.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

Balance on hand,	$32 34
Annual Appropriation,	50 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	4 56
	$86 90

Cr.

Paid for care of Library,	$25 00
Paid for purchase of books,	32 00
Paid for Catalogues,	3 00
Paid for step-ladder,	75
Paid for exchange of books, (Coldbrook,)	9 50
Paid for express,	77
To balance on hand,	15 88
	$86 90

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
M. L. WOODIS, } Trustees.
F. E. DAVIS,

SCHOOL REPORT.

The schools of the town have enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. Our teachers have worked earnestly and successfully, good health has prevailed, the attendance has been excellent, and the scholars have advanced well in their studies.

Eight of our youth have attended High Schools in other towns or cities of the State, their tuition being paid by the town, and refunded from the State.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	$1200 00
" For repairing school-houses,	50 00
Received State School Fund,	458 38
" Dog tax refunded,	171 76
" Cash from school supplies,	4 02
" From State, High School tuition refunded,	101 46
	$1985 62

Cr.

By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Mrs. Olive N. Richardson, spring term,	$80 00
" " Miss Mary E. Emory, } fall term,	30 00
" " Miss A. L. Fuller, } fall term,	78 00
" " " " " winter term,	121 00
	$309 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	$70 00
" " " " " fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	$210 00
Fuel,	44 00
Care of furnace and school-rooms,	26 55
Total expense of Centre Schools,	$589 55

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Alice R. Walker, spring term,	$90 00
" " " Florence E. Bothwell, fall term,	80 00
" " " " " winter term,	80 00
Fuel,	26 25
Care of house,	9 00
	$285 25

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Minnie G. Dean, spring term,	$65 00
" " " J. H. O. Lovell, fall term,	65 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	8 00
	$223 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	$65 00
" " " Minnie G. Dean, fall term,	58 50
" " " " " winter term,	71 50
Care of house,	9 00
	$204 00

Paid Town of Barre, High School tuition,		60 00
" " North Brookfield, High School tuition,		10 00
City of Boston, High School tuition,		82 72
For transportation of scholars,		86 10
" Repairs on school houses,		50 53
" Supervision, Jesse Allen,	48 00	109 00
" " Minnie L. Woodis,	28 00	
" " H. W. Lincoln,	33 00	
" School Supplies,		240 75
Total expense of schools,		$1940 90

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1897,	$153 52
" " " March 1, 1896,	137 12

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows,

CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term,	whole number,	27	Average attendance,		25
Fall "	"	" 35	"	"	32
Winter "	"	" 31	"	"	29

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Spring Term,	whole number,	34	Average attendance,		32
Fall "	"	" 25	"	"	24
Winter "	"	" 21	"	"	19

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	21	Average attendance,		19
Fall "	"	" 20	"	"	17
Winter "	"	" 22	"	"	19

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	11	Average attendance,		9
Fall "	"	" 11	"	"	10
Winter "	"	" 9	"	"	8

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	whole number,	15	Average attendance,		13
Fall "	"	" 15	"	"	13
Winter "	"	" 15	"	"	12

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term,	whole number,	108	Average attendance,		98
Fall "	"	" 106	"	"	96
Winter "	"	" 98	"	"	87

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 122.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—Alice Allen, James Allen, Clement Ayres, David Robinson, Eva Allen, Irna Clifford, LeRoy Burt, Robert Briggs, Warren Dean.

TWO TERMS.—Stella Wyman, Edith Clifford, Walter Clifford, A. Wayne Marsh, Edna Marsh, Alice Loring, Mildred Burt, Maynard Swindell, Ernest Reed, Sylvester Dean, Eva Grimes, Henry Grimes.

ONE TERM.—Ruth Briggs, Minnie Kennen, Effie Bartlett, Alma Russell, Carrie Ware, Althea Russell, Eva Stone, Owen Gilboy, Joseph Gilboy, Herbert Hapgood, Florinda Lincoln, Edward Crawford, Arthur Gould, Clifford Knight, Mary Ware, Joseph Swindell, Harry Collier, Ira Stone, Kimball Packard, Mabel Conant, Mary McGrevey, Jane McGrevey, Mabel Swindell, Clarence Grimes.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—John Dwelly, Alice Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Lucy Roper.

TWO TERMS.—Nellie Gueley, Cora Roper, Henry Roper, Flora Gueley.

ONE TERM.—Arthur Saunders, Leroy Saunders, Earl Thresher.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nattie Butterfield, Esther Clark.

TWO TERMS.—Iola Bemis, Blanche Caldwell, Maud Caldwell, Morton Butterfield, Kimball Clark, Evander Green, Paul Needham, Edward Bliss.

ONE TERM.—Ethel Naramore, Verlie Parker, Fannie Maynard, Winnie Parker, Fannie Needham, William Tangley, James Bemis.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Alice Bullard, Milton Bullard, Eddie Bullard.

TWO TERMS.—Minnie Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.

ONE TERM.—Josephine Chagnon, Katie King, Kittie O'Donnell, Sadie McClenathan, Walter McClenathan.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
M. L. WOODIS,
HORACE W. LINCOLN, } School Committee

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1897. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Library Trustees, and Collector of Taxes, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1896.

BIRTHS.

July 10.....Daughter to Winthrop Boyd.
July 15.....Son to Patrick Moran.
Sept. 10.....Daughter to Wm. H. Parkman.
Sept. 16.....Son to James C. Woodis.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 26.....James C. Woodis to Mary A. Murdock.
Dec. 12.....George A. Davidson to Edna J. Bemis.

DEATHS.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Feb. 7.....	Arthur L. Loring,	49	5	0
Mar. 17.....	Mrs. Almira Adams,	77	9	0
Mar. 30.....	John B. Best,	56		
Apr. 19.....	Mrs. Nancy Felch,	95	9	4
May 12.....	Page Austin,	81	10	17
June 30.....	Horace W. Woodis,	67	9	15
July 27.....	George Allen,	71		
Aug. 20....	Mrs. Patrick Cummings,	50		
Sept. 29....	Ambrose P. Hall,	67	1	1
Sept. 30....	Hiram Marsh,	49	7	8
Nov. 19....	Mrs. Lovisa Marsh,	68	10	21

BURIED IN TOWN.

Jan. 2.....	Albert W. Lincoln,	62	7	
Jan. 18.....	Benjamin Upton,	74	11	2
May 14.....	Mary C. French,	86	0	9
July 16.....	Charles L. Prince,		9	19
Aug. 10....	Mrs. Abigail W. Maynard,	86	4	18
Sept. 21....	Mrs. Delotia W. Dean,	84	6	7
Nov. 11....	Edwin B. Johnson,	65	10	19

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

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FOR THE

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OAKHAM, MASS.:
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1898.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1897.

TOWN CLERK,
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, F. S. CONANT.

ASSESSORS,
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, E. MULLETT.

COLLECTOR,
WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,
C. H. PARKER, W. S CRAWFORD, C. PAQUIN, JR.
W. R. DEAN.

AUDITOR,
W. M. ROBINSON.

FENCE VIEWERS,
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.
WM. S. CRAWFORD, D. R. DEAN, C. H. PARKER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,
D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD, EVANDER L. PARKER

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
WILLIAM S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetery Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to complete purchase of and to erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninty-eight.

CLARENCE H PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
FRANK S. CONANT,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1898–99.

Discount on Taxes,	$150 00
Paupers,	600 00
Street Lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Soldiers' Relief,	25 00
Opening Roads,	300 00
Repairs on School Houses,	25 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1898:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	$28 70	
express,	5 50	
postage and stationery,	1 28	$35 48

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75 00	
Collector's book,	1 00	
postage and stationery,	5 00	
Printing tax bills,	1 00	82 00

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	25 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
F. S. Conant,	25 00	
postage, stationery and telephoning,	6 51	81 51

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln,	35 06	
S. H. Bullard,	30 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	26 25	91 31

AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services, W. M. Robinson,	15 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	561 49

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,	1896 48

STREET LAMPS.

Paid W. C. Ayres,	25 00	
Myron Butterfield,	20 81	45 81

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, Highways,	998 53	
Opening Roads,	158 27	
Repairs on Bridges,	442 08	1598 88

STATE AID.

Paid H. M. Green,	36 00	
J. E. Stone,	48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
M. J. Kenner,	60 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	240 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid H. M. Green,		1 25

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Geo. W. Stone,	2 00	
W. W. Russell,	2 00	
H. S. Harwood,	4 00	
H. P. Austin,	2 00	
E. Mullett,	2 00	
C. P. Hill,	2 00	14 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Library Trustees,		50 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. W. Mullett, printing ballots,	11 50	
printing town reports,	18 00	
C. A. Gleason, care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
ringing bell,	35 00	
Carter, Carter & Kilham, chemicals for extinguisher,	6 95	
H. P. Austin, inspecting cattle,	24 00	
Jason Allen, repairs on hall,	20 91	
Wm. S. Crawford, ¼ expense painting church,	44 25	
S. Bothwell, arrest of J. W. Bemis,	22 96	
F. E. Reed, painting hearse,	14 00	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing assessors' reports,	17 25	

Paid W. C. Ayres, labor and oil on hearse house and lockup,	6 70	
F. S. Conant, lead for hearse house and lockup,	4 21	
F. S. Conant, material for glazing on public buildings,	1 98	
H. C. Fobes, work on common,	68	
Miss S. F. Fairbank, wood for hall,	20 00	
Smoke pipe for furnace in Memorial Hall,	18 75	
H. P. Draper, services as sheriff,	6 00	
James Packard, repairs on hearse house,	3 21	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	1 10	
John P. Ranger, service as sheriff,	8 16	
James Packard, service as sexton,	14 25	
W. E. Chamberlain, return of births,	50	
C. Paquin, Jr., repairs on pump,	1 65	
Cemetery Committee,	30 00	
A. C. Morse, work on furnace,	1 15	
Record Ink,	92	
Wm. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	125 55	
" " " abatement of taxes,	40 54	233 03
Total,		5248 38

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	$330 30	
Support of Paupers,	561 49	
Schools,	1896 48	
Street Lights,	45 81	
Highways,	998 53	
Bridges,	442 08	
Opening Roads,	158 27	
State Aid,	240 00	
Ballot Clerks and Tellers,	14 00	
Soldiers' Relief,	1 25	
Public Library,	50 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	510 17	5248 38

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
FRANK S. CONANT,
} Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford. Wm. S. Spear, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, S. H. Bullard, W. C. Bliss, Frank Nye, Elbridge Mullett, G. M. Dean.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To Cash Balance,	$1539 23	
From M. C. Needham & Co., ¾ license money,	975 00	
Use of Town Hall	19 00	
Sale of School Supplies,	3 90	
Inspection of Animals,	9 00	
D. R. Dean, Butcher's license,	1 00	
H. P. Austin, Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
C. A. Gleason, grass on common,	2 00	
Education of State Children,	12 50	
High School tuition refunded,	195 25	
Corporation Tax,	7 40	
National Bank Tax,	10 18	
State Aid refunded,	237 00	
Dog Fund,	203 99	
Mass. School Fund,	481 28	
Interest on Bank Deposits,	26 37	
Wm. S. Crawford, Collector,	3841 09	7566 19

Cr.

Paid Selectmen's Orders,	5248 38	
Cash on hand,	2317 81	7566 19

PINE GROVE CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

The Rev. Geo. E. Gould Trust Fund, Deposited in Wor. Co. In. for Savings.	$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

Taxes committed for Collection in 1897:		
State Tax,	$245 00	
County Tax,	234 00	
Town Tax,	3381 24	
Uncollected Taxes of 1895,	290 52	
" " " 1896,	1604 87	
Interest on Taxes,	45 44	5801 07

CR.

Paid State Tax,	245 00	
County Tax,	234 00	
Treasurer's Receipts,	3841 09	
Uncollected Tax of 1895,	99 98	
" " " 1896,	273 62	
" " " 1897,	1107 38	5801 07

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1898.

For Repairing Highway.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$388 21	
M. M. Butterfield,	96 88	
Edwin Green,	126 35	
L. P. Green,	107 45	
S. F. Woodis,	96 00	
A. B. Spooner,	23 20	
H. D. Bullard,	7 50	
N. W. Packard,	3 05	
F. Loring,	9 10	
F. Hapgood,	7 00	
N. J. Green,	24 65	
James Sheern,	4 12	
Otis Keep,	1 93	
Elbridge Mullett,	11 27	
D. R. Dean,	19 59	
D. M. Parker,	47 23	
Wm. S. Crawford,	7 00	
George E. Allen,	8 00	
C. H. Parker,	3 63	
Repairs on scraper,	6 37	998 53

Repairing Coldbrook Bridge.

Paid Thomas Hennessy,	$203 38	
M. M. Butterfield,	10 91	
Wallace Grimes,	21 70	
Edwin Green,	27 45	
L. P. Green,	19 58	
Lewis Erkhart,	1 15	
S. F. Woodis,	16 60	
H. D. Bullard,	28 00	
A. B. Spooner,	1 14	
Harry Caldwell,	6 03	
J. P. Fairbank,	1 84	
D. R. Dean,	12 36	
D. M. Parker,	8 76	
C. H. Parker,	3 95	
W. A. Nye,	64 23	
Town of Barre,	15 00	442 08

Opening Roads, 1896–97.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$12	10	
George Green,		96	
Elbridge Mullett,	5	07	
M. M. Butterfield,	4	45	
L. A. Snow,		61	
David Hallowell,		87	
W. H. Packman,	2	88	
H. A. Crawford,	2	58	
Adolph White,		75	
Albert Hapgood,		52	
L. N. Haskell,	2	91	
John E. Stone,	2	00	
C. Rutherford,		70	
Wm. C. Crawford,	3	78	
W. B. Green,	2	19	
B. S. Reed,	3	15	
Patrick & Michael King,	9	27	
L. W. Knight,	1	09	
L. P. Green,		61	
John P. Gaffney,	10	66	
Patrick McGreevey,	2	80	
James Sheern,	2	09	
Wm. Gaffney,	7	17	
W. M. Robinson,		99	
Wm. Cummings,		43	
C. P. Hill,		52	
Peter White,	8	44	
W. H. Bullard,	3	14	
Edson Hapgood,	1	40	
Peter King,	4	72	
James Butler.	4	20	
S. F. Woodis,		35	
N. N. Brooks,		70	
J. H. Keep,	13	16	
Edwin Green,	2	80	
L. P. Green,	1	75	
N. J. Green,	1	75	
J. P. Fairbank,	2	71	
S. H Bullard,		80	
A. B. Spooner,	5	26	
George Stone,	3	37	
H. W. Lincoln,	7	15	
Justin Rawson,	2	28	
John Gilboy,	13	14	158 27

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$200 52
For support of Almira Woodis,	60 00
" " Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
" " Children of George Thresher,	103 04
" " Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	19 28
" " Lydia Chamberlain,	13 30
" " Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	13 15
" Keeping 162 tramps,	40 50
Jesse Allen, (Overseer) 13 trips to Holden,	32 50
Jesse Allen, journey and expenses to Boston,	4 50
Jesse Allen, general service,	8 50
Wm. S. Crawford, general service,	7 00
Elbridge Mullett, general service,	6 00
Postage and telephoning,	1 20
	$561 49

PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged	72
Miss Almira Woodis,	"	68
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	"	53
Mrs. Charles Burt,		86
Mrs. Lavina B. Field,		73
Mrs. Daniel Rogers,		51
Family of Mrs. Louisa M. Lloyd.		
Children of George E. Thresher.		

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WM. S. CRAWFORD,
ELBRIDGE MULLETT,
} Overseers of the Poor.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

Respectfully submitted by the board of management:

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT:

Name.	Age.	Settlement.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days.
Martha Parker,	59,	Holden,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	365
Lizzie Kenney,	41,	"	"	"	365
Nahum S. Newton,	67,	"	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	365
Mabel Connors,	43,	"	April 16, 1896.	Died May 3.	92
Winnifred Durdeen,	50,	"	June 22, 1897.	Continues.	223
George Hall,	50,	"	Mar. 31, 1897.	"	306
Mary Maynard,	33,	"	Dec. 16, 1897,	"	47
					1763
Nancy Boynton,	59,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, '90.	Continues.	365
David Rice,	78,	"	Apr. 1, '91.	"	365
Albert Wheeler,	74,	"	Mar. 20, '96.	"	365
Henry Clark,	18,	"	May 18, '97.	"	258
Austin L, Russell,	30,	"	Apr. 1, '97.	Died June 17.	77
John Wilson,	62,	"	Sept. 22, '96.	Dis, Mar. 30. Returned Dec. 15.	105
					1535
Eunice Walker,	72,	Oakham,	April 1, 1892.	Continues.	365
Lavina B. Field,	73,	"	Oct. 31, 1894.	"	365
Carrie Snow,	43,	Paxton,	April 10, 1896.	Continues.	365

Elijah C. Foster,	79,	Phillipston,	April 30, '96. Continues.	365
Charles Dunton,	78,	"	April 30, '96. "	365
W. W. Cobb,	66,	"	Mar. 5, '97. Dis. Apr. 6.	32
				762

Elizabeth Demond,	77,	Rutland,	May 6, '95. Continues.	365
Rosa Roen,	59,	"	April 26. '97. "	280
Geo. W. Hodgkin,		"	June 14, '97. "	231
John L. Adams,	47,	"	Jan. 6, '98. "	25
Benjamin F. Townsend,	13,	"	Oct. 10, '97. Dis. Dec. 28.	79
Josephine Townsend,	12,	"	" " " " "	79
Isabel Townsend,	10,	"	" " " " "	79
Ella Townsend,	8,	"	" " " " "	79
				1217

Adeline Eager,	57,	Westminster,	Apr. 1, '92. Continues.	365
Margaret Cronin,	52,	"	Apr 1, '92. "	365
Sarah Blake,	59,	"	Aug. 10, '96. Dis. Mar. 30.	58
				788

Whole number of inmates, 30. Died, 2.
Discharged from the institution, 6. Remaining, 22.
Total days board furnished, 7160 or 1022 6–7 weeks.
Average weekly number, 19⅔ plus.

Handel Winship remained a boarder until his death July 4th. Nahum S. Newton is an honorable discharged soldier, lives from choice at the institution, Holden receiving full compensation for his board. Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland is still attended by her sister, Miss Lois Brown as nurse.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

For Milk,	$1064 27	
Stock,	53 00	
Pork and Beef,	47 13	
Eggs,	42 69	
Sundry receipts,	32 03	
Handel Winship's board,	85 72	1324 84

EXPENDITURES.

Warden's and Matron's Salary,	$575 00	
Inside labor,	158 79	
Outside labor,	111 78	
Grain,	547 54	
Groceries,	401 69	
Meat,	155 79	
Bread,	83 95	
Fish,	40 97	
Clothing and Dry Goods,	125 31	
Tools and Seeds,	45 05	
Drugs and Medicines,	30 32	
Medical attendance,	27 25	
Boots and Shoes,	25 88	
Repairs on Buildings,	68 24	
Crockery and table ware,	19 67	
Blacksmithing and repairs on tools,	35 62	
Stock,	155 00	
Fertilizer,	70 00	
Printing articles of Association,	6 00	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest,	120 99	
Wood,	40 00	
Miscellaneous,	151 17	
		$3196 01
Deducting receipts,		1324 84
Balance being net expense,		$1871 17

Cost per week for each inmate, $1.829 plus.

THE NET EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Holden,	$460 74	
Hubbardston,	401 15	
Oakham,	190 76	
Paxton,	95 38	
Phillipston,	199 14	
Rutland,	318 05	
Westminister,	205 95	
		$1871 17

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE ANNUAL CONDITION SINCE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7–26	377.5–7	$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7–36	586	2.243 plus

Third year,	26	21.26–26	1142	1.959 plus
*Fourth year,	30	22.37–306	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18.89	982.2–7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18.12–13	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	19.11–13	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	19.2–3	1022.6–7	1.829 plus

The past year has been a prosperous one for the association, the weekly expense per inmate being the smallest since its organization and unusually good health has been enjoyed by the inmates, only two deaths occurring and the expense for medical attendance has been very small. The present efficient warden and matron Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Potter have been retained for another year. A second silo has been constructed in the barn which will tend to increase the quantity of milk produced. It will be noted that the number of cows has been increased from eight to fifteen under association management. Hon. F. S Coolidge of Fitchburg contributed his fifth annual Christmas dinner to the inmates of the institution. This association was formed in 1890 with four towns, for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the time was continued for five years. As the second term expires the 31st of March, the seven towns now constituting the association at town meetings held Nov. 2, 1897, each authorized their respective boards of Overseers of the Poor, to arrange for a further continuance of the association, which has been done for another term of five years, under conditions similar to those previously existing, except that Holden is to assume all repairs and alterations of the buildings for an annual rental of the real estate of $325.

The articles of Agreement and By-Laws are hereby submitted:

Preamble and By-Laws of Poor Farm Association.

We, the subscribers, representing the Towns of Paxton, Holden, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Phillipston and Westminister, chosen under an article in a warrant for a Town Meeting in our respective Towns, held in November, 1897, reading substantially as follows:

"To see if the Town will choose a committee of three, with power to act with similar committees, which may be appointed by other Towns, to select a suitable place for the co-operative care of the poor, and to arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or act or do anything in reference thereto."

* 10 months,

By virture of the authority vested in us by our respective Towns, at the meeting aforesaid, and to carry out the intent of our said Towns, we do hereby form ourselves into an Association for the purpose of caring for the poor of our respective Towns, to be called the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be formed for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 2. The plant shall be managed by one person from each Board of Overseers of the Poor of the Towns forming the Association.

ARTICLE 3. The poor of all the Towns interested, requiring full support, shall be maintained at the plant selected, except the violent and uncontrollable insane.

ARLICLE 4. The expense of maintaining the poor at this place shall be divided among the respective Towns according to the number of weeks' board furnished the poor belonging to that Town.

ARTICLE 5. In case of death, the Warden shall notify, at once, the Town to which the deceased person belongs, who shall care for and bury said person at its expense.

ARTICLE 6. The Board of Management, under this agreement, shall employ a suitable physician to attend and care for all paupers committed to such farm when sick, and the expense thereof, including all needed medicines, shall be charged as items of expense to such said Association.

ARTICLE 7. Any Town desiring to join the Association may do so at the commencement of any Association Year, by vote of the Association.

ARTICLE 8. SECTION 1. The Association shall begin April 1, 1898, and the annual report shall be made the first day of February every year thereafter.

SECTION 2. The Association shall have authority to make contracts for the lease of Real Estate and Personal Property, to be used on the plant of the Association, such contract to be in accordance with these By-Laws.

SECTION 3. The Association hereby select the Holden Poor Farm and the Personal Property thereon, as the plant of the Association, for the term of five years.

ARTICLE 9. The Stock and Personal Property on the said farm in Holden, to be valued for the next five years as the last eight years, such valuation to be charged against the Association, and any deficiency or increase at the final settlement, shall be considered as common items of expense or gain, to be borne by each Town pro-rata, according to the number of weeks' board of paupers each stand charged with at each annual settlement.

Articles of Agreement between the Town of Holden, by its Committee, and the Poor Farm Association.

The Town of Holden, by its Committee, chosen and authorized by vote of the Town, at a legal meeting held November, 1897, hereby agrees to furnish Real Estate, known as the Holden Poor Farm, with the Personal Property connected therewith, to the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION on the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall carry on the farm of after the manner of good husbandry, spending the hay and fodder grown on the place.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall pay to the Town of Holden the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars ($325.00) per year, for the term of five years, from 1st of April, 1898, as rent for the Real Estate.

ARTICLE 3. The Town shall make all necessary repairs, alterations and additions at their expense.

ARTICLE 4. The Personal Property shall be taken at the former appraisal.

ARTICLE 5. The Personal Property shall be appraised by three disinterested men, consisting of the Chairmen of the Boards of Assessors of the Towns of Leicester, Shrewsbury and West Boylston, or by some member of these Boards, at the end of five years. And any deficiency in the valuation at the close, compared with the previous valuation, shall be deemed an expense of the Association, and any excess in the second valuation over the first shall be credited to the Association in settlement with Holden.

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall pay 6 per cent. per year to Holden for the use of the Personal Property, reckoned upon the first appraisal. The Association shall keep the Personal Property fully insured.

ARTICLE 7. The salary and expense of the Board of Management shall be paid by the Town they represent.

ARTICLE 8. The sums above mentioned shall be in full satisfaction for the use of said property, and this writing in nature of contract shall be binding upon all parties, when signed by the committees authorized to do so, by the vote of their respective Towns.

SIGNED by the Overseers of the Poor of the Towns of Holden, Paxton, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Phillipston and Westminister.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINISTER, President,
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,
F. T. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,
JOHN G. ALLEN, HUBBARDSTON,
H. H. PIKE, PAXTON,
D. WEBSTER BAKER, PHILLIPSTON,
H. A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A good degree of interest has been manifested in our Library during the past year.

The circulation showing quite an increase over any year of its history.

But few volumes have been added to the Library within the year.

A good number of new books would help greatly in preserving and increasing its usefulness among our people.

Whole number of books,	885
Additions during the year,	13
Number of volumes taken out within the year,	1856
Largest number of books taken out in one day,	52
Number of persons taking out books,	184

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

Balance on hand,	$15 88
Annual Appropriation,	50 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	3 62
	$69 50

Cr.

Paid for care of Library,	$25 00
Paid for exchange of books with Coldbrook,	20 00
Paid express and postage,	32
By Balance on hand,	24 18
	$69 50

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
MINNIE L. WOODIS, } Trustees.
FRANK E. DAVIS,

SCHOOL REPORT.

Good work has been accomplished by our schools in the past year. The winter term of the Centre schools was broken in upon by the scarlet fever, but all thus afflicted have fully recovered, and the best of health now prevails.

"Barnes' Readers" have been introduced into our schools, and are much enjoyed by teachers and scholars. Also the "Vertical System" of writing. After a trial of less than two terms, the results are exceedingly satisfactory.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	$1200 00
Received State School Fund,	481 28
Dog tax refunded,	203 99
Cash from school supplies,	3 90
From State, High School tuition refunded,	195 25
	$2084 42

Cr.

By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL —GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss A. L. Fuller, spring term,	$110 00
" " " Florence Bothwell, fall term,	90 00
" " " " " winter term,	90 00
	$290 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	$70 00
" " " A. L. Fuller, fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	$210 00
Fuel,	28 00
Care of furnace and school-rooms,	27 40
Total expense of Centre Schools,	$555 40

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Florence Bothwell, spring term,	$90 00
" " " Fannie E. Robinson, fall term,	80 00
" " " " " winter term,	90 00
Fuel,	7 50
Care of house,	9 00
	$276 50

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	$65 00
" " " Flossie Paquin, fall term,	65 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	8 00
	$223 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Minnie G. Dean, spring term,	$65 00
" " Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, fall term,	65 00
" " " " " " winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	13 25
Care of house,	8 50
	$221 75

Paid Town of Barre, High School tuition,		$60 00
Town of Ware, " " "		94 00
City of Boston, " " "		82 31
For transportation of scholars,		79 40
" Repairs on school houses,		31 00
" School Supplies,		186 37
" Medical Supervision, Dr. Chamberlain,		2 00
" Supervision, Jesse Allen,	41 00	84 75
" " Minnie L. Woodis,	26 00	
" " H. W. Lincoln,	17 75	
		$619 83
Total expense of schools,		$1896 48

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1898,	$160 64
" " " March 1, 1897,	153 52

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows,

CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	29	Average attendance,	28
Fall, " " "	30	" "	26
Winter " " "	26	" "	22

CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Spring Term, whole number,	23	Average attendance,	21
Fall " " "	23	" "	22
Winter " " "	23	" "	20

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	21	Average attendance,	20
Fall " " "	24	" "	21
Winter " " "	20	" "	17

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	15	Average attendance,	13
Fall " " "	14	" "	12
Winter " " "	11	" "	8

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	14	Average attendance,	13
Fall " " "	14	" "	12
Winter " " "	13	" "	11

ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term, whole number,	102	Average attendance,	95
Fall " " "	105	" "	93
Winter " " "	93	" "	78

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 109.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—Clement Ayres, Susie Gleason, Florinda Lincoln, Wayne Marsh, Robert Briggs, Leroy Burt, Alice Loring.

TWO TERMS.—Alice Allen, James Allen, Ruth Briggs, Roger Conant, David Robinson, Jennie Sheern, Willie Bullard, John Dwelly, Eva Allen, Mabel Conant, Irna Clifford, Mildred Burt, Sylvester Dean, Henry Grimes, Eva Grimes, Clarence Grimes, Edna Marsh, Ira Stone.

ONE TERM.—Edith Clifford, Maggie Gilboy, Mary Ware, Stella Wyman, Alice Dwelly, Flora Gueley, Alice Reed, Clarence Mullett, Cathie Bullard, Edna Boyd, Lila Hillier, Ira Bailey, Clifford Knight, Mary McGreevy, Ernest Reed, Mary Conant, Warren Dean.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nellie Gueley, Lucy Roper, Henry Roper, Willie Hallowell.

TWO TERMS.—Leroy Sanders, George Hallowell, Robert Dwelly.

ONE TERM.—Flora Gueley, Alice Dwelly, John Dwelly, Oscar Robinson, May Holman, Arthur Sanders, Earl Thresher.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nattie Butterfield, Maud Caldwell, James Bemis

TWO TERMS.—Iola Bemis, Hazel Bemis, Esther Clark, Edward Bliss, Morton Butterfield, Evander Green, Paul Needham, Henry Morin.

ONE TERM.—Blanche Caldwell, Eva Gould, Kimball Clark, Winfield Parker, Fred Sibley.

WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Minnie Bullard, Eddie Bullard.

TWO TERMS.—Alice Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.

ONE TERM.—Kittie O'Donnell, Milton Bullard.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
HORACE W. LINCOLN, } School Committee

This is to certify that I have examined and approved the accounts, of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Library Trustees and have found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1897.

BIRTHS.

Feb. 4 ..... Son to Patrick O'Donnell.
Mar. 16 ..... Daughter to Clifford Rutherford.
Apr. 26 ..... Son to Leroy H. Sargeant.
May 11 ..... Son to Frank Holman.
May 15 ..... Daughter to Walter R. Dean.
July 8 ..... Daughter to Walter M. Robinson.
July 10 ..... Son to Hemon Bates.
Sept. 29 ..... Daughter to George L. Edson.
Oct. 17 ..... Son to Frank Nye.
Nov. 30 ..... Daughter to William Gaffney.
Dec. 9 ..... Daughter to John O. Hale.

MARRIAGES.

Apr. 12 ..... James K. Clark to Elizabeth E. Bentley.
May 4 ..... Bernard Whitney to Mary Ann King.
May 5 ..... Clarence A. Kennen to Ida M. Rice.
June 26 ..... Mason M. Luce to Mary B. Luce.
Aug. 19 ..... Walter A. Woodis to Minnie G. Dean.
Oct. 5 ..... John O. Hale to Martha J. Loring.
Nov. 17 ..... William C. Woodcock to Lizzie S. Parker.
Nov. 24 ..... Frank R. Russell to Lena E. Dwelly.

DEATHS

		YEARS,	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 23	Charles G. Parmenter,	82	7	12
May 3	Mrs. John Gaffney,	62		
June 25	Nathaniel N. Brooks,	69	7	
July 8	Laura A. Brigham,	84	2	18
July 27	Mrs. Sarah Packard,	76	9	20
Aug. 29	George L. Perkins,	23	9	
Oct. 9	Martin P. O'Donnell,		8	5
Nov. 29	Mrs. Kate Austin,	83	2	17
Dec. 27	Lorenzo B. Chickering,	58	10	9

BURIED IN TOWN.

Jan. 7	Gertrude M. Wilbur,	1	4	
Mar. 9	Frederick A. Ross,	22	9	9
June 4,	Chester W. Parker,	6		
Aug. 31	Mrs. H. Olmstead,	59	2	23
Oct. 17	Eugene H. Wilbur,		5	22
Oct. 27	Mrs. Lois L. Swindel,	35		

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

TOWN CLERK.

JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN.

C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, F. S. CONANT.

ASSESSORS.

H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, JAMES PACKARD.

COLLECTOR.

WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER.

JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES.

WM. S. CRAWFORD, W. R. DEAN, HENRY P. AUSTIN

AUDITOR.

W. M. ROBINSON.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JESSE ALLEN, AVERY C. BULLARD,
LEWIS N. HASKELL.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

D. R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

D. R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS, JESSE ALLEN.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

DAVID R. DEAN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, JESSE ALLEN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

WM. A. NYE.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustees and Cemetery Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the Town Hall and ring the church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.

ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.

ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to complete purchase of and to erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

ART. XVIII.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provision of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1897, Chap. 254, to provide for the further protection of trees and for the prevention of fires in woodlands.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the post offices and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
FRANK S. CONANT,
Selectmen of Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

Discount on taxes,	$120 00
Paupers,	500 00
Street lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,300 00
Library,	50 00
Soldiers' relief,	25 00
Opening roads,	1,000 00
Repairs on school-houses,	25 00
Repairs on highways,	1,000 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the privilege of bringing before you the following report for the year ending March 1, 1899:—

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	$24 80	
Dog blanks,	1 00	
Postage and stationery,	1 41	
Express on books,	5 05	
		$32 26

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	$75 00	
Postage and stationery,	5 00	
Tax bills,	1 50	
Collector's book,	1 00	
		82 50

TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,		25 00

SELECTMEN.

Paid C. H. Parker,	$25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
F. S. Conant,	25 00	
Postage, stationery and telephoning,	3 59	
		78 59

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services:		
H. W. Lincoln,	$33 75	
S. H. Bullard,	35 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	13 75	
Postage and stationary,	3 25	
Return of exchange of real estate,	1 90	
		87 65

AUDITOR.

Paid auditor for services, Wm. M. Robinson,		15 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,		543 37

SCHOOL EXPENSE.

Paid School Committee,		$1,888 80

STREET LAMPS.

Paid W. C. Ayres,	$6 00	
Thomas Tobin,	4 50	
Charles Geoffroy,	6 00	
F. E. Burt,	6 42	
Coldbrook.		
Myron A. Butterfield,	20 80	
		43 72

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, highways,	$942 99	
Opening roads,	966 33	
Repairing bridge,	154 23	
		2,063 55

STATE AID.

Paid Myron Kennen,	$60 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
J. E. Stone,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
E. S. Parker,	16 00	
		256 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid W. S. Bates for H. M. Green,		1 50

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid F. E. Davis,	$2 00	
Geo. H. Temple,	2 00	
W. W. Russell	2 00	
H. S. Harwood,	2 00	
C. P. Hill,	2 00	
W. R. Dean,	2 00	
		12 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Library Trustees,		$75 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. H. O. Lovell, printing ballots,	$11 50	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing reports,	18 75	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing Assessors' report,	17 25	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing posters,	75	
F. A. Smith, insurance,	67 01	
C. A. Gleason, ringing bell,	22 50	
H. P. Austin, inspecting cattle,	18 00	
Magee Furnace Co., register,	4 37	
Rice, King & Rice, counsel fees,	5 00	
H. D. Bullard, wood for hall,	16 00	
John P. Ranger, criminal case,	7 29	
W. E. Chamberlin, return of births,	25	
A. J. Holden, repairs on furnace,	1 50	
F. E. Davis, ringing bell,	21 00	
F. S. Conant, oil and chimneys for hall,	3 31	
W. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	120 71	
F. E. Davis, care of hall,	1 00	
H. C. Fobes, work in hall,	1 50	
James Packard, service as sexton,	26 20	
Cemetery Committee,	27 00	
		390 89

RECAPITULATION.

Paid town officers,	$321 00
Support of paupers,	543 37
Schools,	1,888 80
Street lights,	43 72
Highways,	942 99
Bridges,	154 23
Opening roads,	966 33
State aid,	256 00
Ballot clerks and tellers,	12 00
Soldiers' relief,	1 50

Paid Public Library,	$75 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	390 89	
		$5,595 83

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
FRANK S. CONANT,
Selectmen of Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN.

E. L. Parker,	James Sheern,	Wm. S. Crawford,
Geo. W. Stone,	W. C. Bliss,	Frank Nye,
S. H. Haskell,	H. B. Parker,	Walter R. Dean.
Jesse Allen,	Thomas Tobin,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash balance,	$2,317 81	
Use of Town Hall,	17 15	
Grass on Common,	1 50	
Sale of school supplies,	3 88	
George Leane, peddler's license,	3 00	
D. R. Dean, butcher's license,	1 00	
H. D. Bullard, ashes,	2 00	
Inspection of animals,	12 00	
Education of state children,	38 00	
Town of Rutland, tuition,	7 70	
Burial state pauper,	10 00	
Temporary support, state pauper,	10 25	
High School tuition refunded,	184 62	
Transportation state children,	80 00	
Mass. school fund,	559 24	
Corporation tax,	7 75	
National bank tax,	9 45	
State aid refunded,	240 00	
Dog fund,	214 09	
Interest on bank deposits,	26 91	
Wm. S. Crawford, collector,	3,445 69	
		$7,192 04

Cr.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	$5,595 83	
Cash on hand,	1,596 21	
		$7,192 04

Pine Grove cemetery trust fund (Gould lot),	$100 00
Interest on same, paid over to Cem. Com.,	7 13

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

Taxes committed for collection in 1898:		
State tax,	$180 00	
County tax,	381 00	
Town tax,	3,120 68	
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	99 98	
" " 1896,	273 62	
" " 1897,	1,107 38	
Interest on taxes,	71 63	
		$5,234 29

Cr.

Paid state tax,	$180 00	
County tax,	381 00	
Treasurer's receipts,	3,445 69	
Uncollected taxes of 1896,	13 32	
" " 1897,	137 13	
" " 1898,	1,077 15	
		$5,234 29

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD,

Collector.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1899.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$315 58	
Edwin Green,	116 05	
L. P. Green,	60 91	
S. F. Woodis,	116 22	
N. J. Green,	32 39	
Joseph Gilboy,	11 99	
James C. Woodis,	11 38	
M. M. Butterfield,	118 67	
H. D. Bullard,	106 55	
George E. Allen,	8 00	
F. E. Loring,	7 70	
Alfred C. Morse,	10 33	
Elbridge Mullet,	3 50	
W. H. Boyd,	4 77	
Lewis Snow,	2 00	
D. M. Parker,	1 95	
Signs, and painting same,	15 00	
		$942 99

REPAIRING BRIDGE.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$46 65	
Wallace Grimes,	28 00	
S. F. Woodis,	24 84	
Edwin Green,	26 08	
N. J. Green,	3 50	
Alfred C. Morse,	3 85	
A. B. Spooner,	2 00	
Martin White,	3 15	
D. M. Parker,	3 16	
Town of Barre,	13 00	
		$154 23

OPENING ROADS.

Feb.	
Paid W. A. Nye,	$15 63
S. F. Woodis,	2 89

Paid H. V. Crawford,	$2 84
John E. Stone,	8 64
A. K. Reed,	1 61
Almer Allen,	61
Edson Hapgood,	2 80
Wallace Grimes,	1 75
H. C. Fobes,	2 10
David Hallowell,	2 45
John P. Gaffney,	10 62
John Gaffney,	13 12
G. N. Briggs,	27 98
Thomas Moran,	2 00
P. Moran,	1 95
William Gaffney,	12 12
James Ravine,	1 58
W. H. Bullard,	4 37
Ralph Clarke,	88
Frank Nanamore,	2 02
W. Parkman,	6 23
W. M. Robinson,	6 77
A. F. Hapgood,	1 58
John Gilboy,	18 14
W. B. Green,	4 20
G. L. Parker,	4 20
L. W. Knight,	2 63
Frank A. Fobes,	1 75
S. J. Foster,	45
Justin E. Rawson,	1 40
Martin White,	7 00
H. D. Bullard,	4 44
H. J. Bates,	3 32
L. S. Green,	2 72
J. C. Rutherford,	2 27
J. L. Ferrall,	88
Peter White,	10 01
I. W. Mullett,	2 71
Elbridge Mullett,	5 29
C. C. Hunt,	7 21
H. W. Lincoln,	20 17

Paid E. S. Crawford,	$2 01
James Sheern,	1 93
D. W. Needham,	35
P. McGreevey,	5 26
Everett Butler,	2 97
W. A. Bushnell,	2 71
J. P. Fairbank,	3 24
Myron Butterfield,	2 65
M. M. Butterfield,	10 76
Michael King,	7 55
Patrick King,	6 82
Peter King,	7 53
James Scott,	14 25
W. C. Ayres,	3 25
H. A. Crawford,	7 52
Harry Loring,	2 50
G. W. Stone,	11 65
Adolph White,	2 54
George Loring,	3 85
L. H. Sargent,	3 95
Geo. W. Reed,	2 10
L. P. Green,	70
N. J. Green,	53
Edwin Green,	2 80
A. B. Spooner,	8 63
Dennis Leyden,	7 00
Charles A. Bridges,	4 73
James Leyden,	10 25
George Ayres,	52
Frank Caldwell,	88
C. M. Maynard,	2 19
Frank E. Burt,	1 40
F. H. Parmenter,	4 16
J. H. Keep,	17 86
D. Whitney,	2 65
Charles Clifford,	2 10
S. H. Bullard,	3 52
Henry Bartlett,	4 55
D. R. Dean,	3 15

Paid Fay D. Russell,	$1 66	
John Bowen,	1 55	
		$417 27

Nov. and Dec.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$16 38	
G. N. Briggs,	18 59	
Harry Loring,	3 47	
George H. Morse,	4 20	
S. H. Bullard,	10 08	
Frank Fobes,	3 62	
Charles Hebert,	5 68	
E. S. Crawford,	4 01	
C. M. Maynard,	9 62	
Charles Reed,	6 38	
Bert Reed,	3 50	
John E. Stone,	28 39	
J. L. Ferrall,	1 40	
H. M. Green,	1 75	
L. P. Green,	5 76	
N. J. Green,	5 76	
Henry Fobes,	3 85	
Walter Bullard,	13 20	
J. C. Woodis,	4 38	
Winthrop Boyd,	2 97	
Martin White,	11 72	
P. O. Donnell,	8 91	
H. D. Bullard,	4 16	
Thomas Tobin,	2 80	
H. A. Crawford,	28 44	
C. P. McClanathan,	1 66	
Fred Parmenter,	7 70	
Joel Bullard,	7 35	
H. W. Lincoln,	18 20	
Clement Ayres,	3 25	
C. C. Hunt,	5 02	
Charles Clifford,	5 45	
Albert Hapgood,	2 62	
Frank A. Tobin,	2 63	
G. W. Stone,	14 72	

Paid James Sheern,	$2 63
S. F. Woodis,	4 99
George Loring,	4 42
Justin Rawson,	5 46
W. A. Woodis,	4 90
Eugene Sanders,	4 19
C. Rutherford,	2 63
W. W. Grimes,	4 38
G. W. Reed,	2 45
Thomas Winter,	53
John Gaffney,	14 05
S. O. Butler,	2 35
James Leyden,	17 84
Sidney Dean,	2 63
William Gaffney,	14 55
John P. Gaffney,	16 46
Waldo Knight,	4 73
Leon Hapgood,	3 32
Henry Bartlett,	8 80
J. H. Keep,	13 34
M. M. Butterfield,	14 00
James Allen,	5 24
John Gilboy,	15 39
Macon Dean,	4 64
P. McGreevey,	9 70
Henry Cummings,	9 16
W. M. Robinson,	9 51
W. Parkman,	1 05
David Hallowell,	5 95
P. Cummings,	88
L. S. Green,	2 88
W. A. Bushnell,	3 84
J. P. Fairbank,	3 67
E. P. Maynard,	70
Charles Foster,	1 83
Edwin Green,	6 55
W. R. Dean,	2 10
George Clarke,	1 40
A. B. Spooner,	14 90

Paid J. Parmenter,	$55	
L. H. Sargent,	4 54	
James Scott,	18 43	
		$549 06

The guide-posts and boards are erected and maintained as required by law, and are in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,
Street Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	$185	00
Support of Almira Woodis,	52	00
" " Mrs. Abigail Burt,	43	00
" " Earl Thresher,	85	94
" " Nellie Thresher,	5	15
" " Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	15	00
Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	28	44
Burial of Louis Gagnier (state pauper),	10	00
Sending Wm. Mineau to Canada (state pauper),	10	25
Burial of Mrs. Abigail Burt,	43	84
J. Allen, 12 trips to Holden,	30	00
J. Allen, general service,	7	00
Wm. S. Crawford, 63 tramps,	15	75
Wm. S. Crawford, general service,	6	00
James Packard, general service,	5	00
Postage,	1	00
	$543	37

By an act of the last Massachusetts Legislature, "all settlements gained before 1860 were declared defeated and lost." By this act three persons who have been aided by the town for many years, Mrs. Field, Miss Walker and Miss Chamberlain, become state charges.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WM. S. CRAWFORD,
JAMES PACKARD,
Overseers of the Poor.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1898.

INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT.

HOLDEN.

NAME. AGE. ADMITTED.		NO. DAYS.
Lizzie Kenney, 42 years, April 1, '90,	Continues.	365
Nahum S. Newton, 68 years, Dec. 24, '91,	"	365
Winfred Durdeen, 49 years, June 22, '97,	"	365
Charles Prue, 75 years, May 17, '98,	"	260
Newton Marshall, 58 years, Jan. 15, '98,	"	17
Mary Maynard, 34 years, Dec. 16, '97, left Feb. 11,		11
Martha Parker, 60 years, Apr. 1, '90, removed to Tewksbury Nov. 1,		273
George Hall, 51 years, Mar. 31, '97, removed to Tewksbury Nov. 1,		273
		1,929

HUBBARDSTON.

David Rice, 80 years, Apr. 1, '90,	continues.	365
Nancy Boynton, 61 years, Apr. 1, '90, removed to Tewksbury Jan. 9,		343
Albert Wheeler, 67 years, Mar. 20, '96, died Nov. 7,		277
John Wilson, 63 years, Sept. 22, '96, left May 19,		108
Henry Clark, 20 years, May 18, '97, left Jan. 5, away 34 days,		305
		1,398

OAKHAM.

Eunice Walker, 73 years, Apr. 1, '92,	continues.	365
Lavina B. Field, 74 years, Oct. 31, '94,	"	365
		730

PAXTON.

Carrie Snow, 44 years, Apr. 10, '96,	continues.	365

Phillipston.

Elijah C. Foster, 81 years, Apr. 30, '96, removed to Tewksbury Oct. 20,		242
Charles Dunton, 80 years, Apr. 30, '96, removed to Tewksbury Oct. 20,		242
		484

Rutland.

Elizabeth Demond, 79 years, May 6, '95,	continues.	365
Rosa Roen, 61 years, Apr. 26, '97,	"	365
John Kelly, 38 years, Nov. 15, '98,	"	78
John Q. Adams, 49 years, Jan. 6, '98, left Mar. 24,		52
George W. Hodgkins, 68 years, June 14, '97, died Oct. 1,		243
		1,103

Westminster.

Adeline Eager, 58 years, Apr. 1, '92,	continues.	365
Margaret Cronin, 53 years, Apr. 1, '92,	"	365
Sarah Blake, 60 years, May 23, '98,	"	253
John Brady, 75 years, Dec. 1, '98, left Dec. 15,		15
		998

Total number inmates, 27; died, 2; removed to Tewksbury, 5; discharged, 5; remaining, 15.

Total days' board furnished, 7,007, or 1,001 weeks.

Average weekly number, $19\frac{1}{5}$.

Miss Lois Brown continues to act as nurse for her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland. Nahum S. Newton, a soldier and pensioner of the war of the Rebellion, continues to make his home in this institution, Holden receiving compensation for his support. By the provisions of Sec. 2, Chapter 425, Acts of 1898, the support of seven of our wards was transferred to the state. Five of them, as above stated, have been removed to the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; the others, Eunice Walker

and Lavina B. Field of Oakham, remain with us by the preference of friends who have paid their board since Nov. 18.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$1,248 14	
Calves,	23 75	
Stock,	145 00	
Pork,	34 29	
Eggs,	43 95	
Work off farm,	22 89	
Board and sundries,	34 36	
		$1,552 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid warden's and matron's salaries,	$595 86
Inside labor,	156 62
Outside labor,	102 24
Grain,	612 04
Meat,	188 72
Flour,	86 72
Groceries,	394 51
Bread and pastry,	71 56
Fish,	54 07
Dry goods,	73 42
Stock,	298 00
Tools and seeds,	85 51
Boots and shoes,	32 45
Medical attendance and medicine,	65 98
Hardware,	20 02
Furniture,	14 35
Blacksmithing,	26 02
Ice,	16 66
Tobacco and snuff,	16 53
Fertilizer,	51 00
Miscellaneous,	106 81
Rent,	325 00

Paid Interest,	$120 99	
Wood,	40 00	
Total,		$3,554 76
Deducting receipts,		1,552 38
Balance net expense,		$2,002 38

Cost per week for each inmate, $2+.

The net expense to each town is as follows:

Holden,	$551 24
Hubbardston,	399 50
Oakham,	208 64
Paxton,	104 32
Phillipston,	138 30
Rutland,	315 20
Westminster,	285 18

The following table gives annual condition since the association was organized:

	No. Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost Per Week.
First year,	12	$7\frac{7}{26}$	$377\frac{5}{7}$	$2.875
Second year.	16	$11\frac{7}{26}$	586	2.243
Third year,	26	$21\frac{25}{26}$	1142	1.959
*Fourth year,	30	$22\frac{37}{306}$	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18.89	$982\frac{2}{7}$	2.545
Sixth year,	36	$18\frac{12}{13}$	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	$19\frac{11}{13}$	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	$19\frac{2}{3}$	$1022\frac{6}{7}$	1.829
Ninth year,	27	$19\frac{1}{5}$	1001	2.+

The inmates have generally enjoyed good health during the past year, two only being removed by death. The reduction of the number of inmates caused by the new law above referred to may make it desirable to add other towns to the association, as

*Ten months.

the cost per capita is reduced by keeping the number up to the maximum which can be properly cared for. The income is the largest since our organization; $84.80 each from a herd of fifteen cows, besides home consumption, is certainly a creditable record. Those interested in the well-being of the inmates and the success of the institution will be pleased to learn that the present warden and matron have been secured for another year.

The above report is respectfully submitted by

HOBART RAYMOND, *President*, Westminster,
JESSE ALLEN, *Secretary*, Oakham,
F. T. HOLT, *Treasurer*, Holden,
JOHN ADAMS, Hubbardston,
H. H. PIKE, Paxton,
D. WEBSTER BAKER, Phillipston,
H. A. KENNEN, Rutland,
Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	$24 18	
Annual appropriation,	75 00	
Fines and sale of catalogues,	1 62	
		$100 80

CR.

Paid for care of library,	$25 00	
Exchange of books with Coldbrook,	20 00	
For new books,	27 17	
Express and postage,	30	
By balance on hand,	28 33	
		$100 80

Present number of volumes in library,	954
Added during year,	69
Number taken out during year,	$1,821
Largest number taken out in one day,	48
Number persons taking out books,	125

Valuable gifts of books have been received from Miss E. P. Sohier of Beverly, Daniel H. Dean of Cambridge, and Hon. C. E. Parker of Holden. So that, with the books from the "Traveling Libraries," we are well equipped for another year.

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,
FRANK E. DAVIS,
JESSE ALLEN,
Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Dr.

To appropriation of 1897,	$30 00	
Appropriation of 1898,	27 00	
Income of Rev. G. H. Gould fund,	7 13	
		$64 13

Cr.

By amount paid for bronze markers to honor the graves of Revolutionary soldiers (19 markers at $3 each),	$57 00	
Paid for care of "Gould lot," West Cemetery,	75	
Cash on hand (in Gould fund),	6 38	
		$64 13

The graves of the following Revolutionary patriots, whose service has been verified by the State Records, have been found and honored with markers: Alexander Crawford, Capt. John Crawford, Capt. Wm. Crawford, Capt. Isaac Stone, John Robinson, Stephen Lincoln, Jesse Allen, Capt. Silas Bullard, Joseph Dwelly, Nehemiah Packard, Francis Maynard, Capt. James Conant, James Bell, James Bell, Jr., Capt. Nehemiah Allen, Dr Spencer Field, William Henderson, Lieut. Ebenezer Foster, Lieut. Asa French. Many others will doubtless be added to this list in coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. DEAN,
WM. S. CRAWFORD,
JESSE ALLEN,
Cemetery Committee.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Excellent health has been enjoyed by our scholars throughout the year, and good work accomplished. No child of school age has died in town for more than seven years.

We present the following report :

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	$1,200 00	
Received from state school fund,	559 24	
" " dog tax refunded,	214 09	
" " town of Rutland (tuition),	7 70	
" " state high school tuition refunded,	184 62	
" " cash from school supplies,	3 88	
		$2,169 53

Cr.

By expenses of the several schools as follows :

Centre School—*Grammar.*

Amount paid Miss Florence Bothwell, spring term,	$90 00	
Miss Florence Bothwell, fall term,	110 00	
" " " winter term,	110 00	
		$310 00

Centre School—*Primary.*

Amount paid Miss A. L. Fuller, spring term,	$70 00	
Miss A. F. Fuller, fall term,	88 00	
Miss A. L. Fuller, winter term,	88 00	
		$246 00
For fuel,	34 00	

Care of furnace and school-rooms,	$32 10	
		66 10
Total expenses of Centre schools,		$662 10

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Cornelia Ward, spring term,	$90 00	
Miss Cornelia Ward, fall term,	90 00	
Miss Minnie Mellen, winter term,	108 00	
Fuel,	19 50	
Care of house,	10 25	
		$317 75

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Flossie Paquin, spring term,	$65 00	
Miss Flossie Paquin, fall term,	65 00	
Miss Flossie Paquin, winter term,	84 00	
Fuel,	19 13	
Care of house,	8 50	
		$241 63

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, spring term,	$70 00	
Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, fall term,	70 00	
Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, winter term,	84 00	
Fuel,	6 00	
Care of house,	8 50	
		$238 50
Paid town of Barre, high school tuition,	$45 00	
Town of Rutland, high school tuition,	57 50	
City of Boston, high school tuition,	41 06	

Paid for transportation of scholars,		$88 80	
For repairs on school-houses,		9 40	
For school supplies,		140 31	
Supervision, Jesse Allen,	$45 50		
Supervision, Minnie L. Woodis,	9 00		
Supervision, H. W. Lincoln,	32 25		
		86 75	
			$468 82
Total expense of schools,		$1,888 80	

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1899,	$155 32
Value on hand March 1, 1898,	160 64

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Grammar.*

Spring term,	whole number,	22	Average attendance,			21
Fall	"	"	"	22	"	"	30
Winter	"	"	"	26	"	"	23

CENTRE SCHOOL—*Primary.*

Spring term,	whole number,	21	Average attendance,			19
Fall	"	"	"	33	"	"	31
Winter	"	"	"	32	"	"	29

COLDBROOK SCHOOLS.

Spring term,	whole number,	23	Average attendance,			21
Fall	"	"	"	22	"	"	19
Winter	"	"	"	16	"	"	14

WEST SCHOOLS.

Spring term,	whole number,	12	Average attendance,			11
Fall	"	"	"	12	"	"	11
Winter	"	"	"	12	"	"	9

South Schools.

Spring term,	whole	number,	12	Average	attendance,		9
Fall	"	"	" 12	"	"		10
Winter	"	"	" 12	"	"		9

Attendance in All the Schools.

Spring term,	whole	number,	90	Average	attendance,		81
Fall	"	"	" 101	"	"		91
Winter	"	"	" 98	"	"		84

Number of scholars in all our schools, 121.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.

Centre Schools.

Three terms. Aliee Allen, Edith Clifford, Jennie Sheern, James Allen, Ira Bailey, Wayne Marsh.

Two terms. Aliee Dwelly, Flora Gueley, Susie Gleason, Clement Ayres, Walter Clifford, Eva Allen, Mildred Burt, Irna Clifford, Edna Marsh, Nellie Talbot, Florine Lineoln.

One term. Ruth Briggs, Ida Crawford, Roger Conant, John Dwelly, Maggie Gilboy, Willie Bullard, Owen Gilboy, Joseph Gilboy.

South School.

Three terms. Nellie Gueley.

Two terms. Henry Roper, Luey Roper, Leroy Sanders.

One term. Robert Dwelly, Frankie Woodis, Arthur Sanders.

Coldbrook School.

Three terms. Nattie Butterfield, Iola Bemis, James Bemis.

Two terms. Morton Butterfield, Hazel Bemis, Maud Caldwell,

Paul Needham, Fannie Needham, Verlie Parker.
One term. Edward Bliss, Winfield Parker, Cressa Warner.

WEST SCHOOL.

Three terms. Minnie Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.
Two terms. Alice Bullard, Eddie Bullard.
One term. Milton Bullard, Kittie O'Donnell.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
M. L. WOODIS,
HORACE W. LINCOLN,
School Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Library Trustees, and Cemetery Committee, and have found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,
Auditor.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM IN 1898.

Births.

Mar. 4.	Son (Edward Chapman) to James K. Clark.
Mar. 29.	Son (John Patrick) to Patrick O'Donnell.
Apr. 9.	Son (Herman Nelson) to Mason S. Dean.
Aug. 26.	Daughter (Agnes Helena) to James C. Woodis.
Sept. 17.	Son (Thomas Joseph) to Patrick Moran.
Oct. 7.	Son (Earl Clarence) to Harry B. Parker.
Oct. 27.	Daughter (Hazel Elizabeth) to Wallace Grimes.
Nov. 19.	Daughter to Fay D. Russell.
Dec. 10.	Son to Walter M. Robinson.

Marriages.

Apr. 6.	Fay D. Russell to Jessie M. Davis.
June 21.	Daniel E. Holden to Ethel J. Babcock.
Sept. 21.	George H. Morse to Grace L. McFarland.
Nov. 9.	James P. Fairbank to Caroline M. Dean.

Deaths.

		Yrs.	Mon.	Days.
May 13.	Louisa L. Sibley,	72	11	27
May 17.	Louis Govier,	44	2	25
May 23.	Lizzie Mabel Austin,	20	11	18
June 9.	Phylma C. Dwelly,	70	5	9
Aug. 12.	Charles M. Wood,	63	.....	.....
" 17.	Maud C. Dean,	1	3	2
" 20.	Mary E. Parmenter,	83	10	.....
" 26.	Elbridge Mullett,	43	4	24
Oct. 11.	Abigail Burt,	88	2	23
Oct. 27.	Charles N. Monroe,	33	7	6
Oct. 27.	Sarah Ann Duffy,	73	.....	.....
Nov. 7.	William C. Crawford,	49	9	27
Nov. 21.	Daughter of Fay D. Russell,	.....	.....	2
Dec. 16.	Mary P. Stinson,	91	1	11
Dec. 17.	Son of Walter M. Robinson,	.....	.....	8

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.